



# The Flashlight

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## Senator motions to impeach SGA president; controversial budget procedure proposal discussed

By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Student Government Association (SGA) Senator Alex Farley motioned to impeach President Joshua Gibson at the first weekly SGA meeting of the semester on Tuesday, January 28.

The public SGA meeting was then closed for executive session for private discussion, as per Robert's Rules of Order. The executive session was utilized in order to, according to Parliamentarian Colton Long, ensure "the privacy of the accused – innocent until proven guilty."

The motion of impeachment proceedings, which required a two-thirds senate vote to pass, failed. Had the motion passed, however, the SGA's Administration Committee, headed by Long, would have launched an investigation into Farley's assertions of evidence for impeachment.

If the Administration Committee discovered Farley's claims to be grounds for Gibson's removal from office, a second senate vote would take place, again requiring a two-thirds vote to pass. If the vote passed, Gibson would have been removed from his position in SGA.

"Josh was not performing his duties as president," Farley said. "Everyone in SGA should be accountable for their actions." (To see the responsibilities of the SGA President, see the sidebar on page 3.)

No further comments would be given about the issue.

Treasurer Jason White made a motion to approve the new budget procedure proposal.

The new procedure, according to White, will be simpler and fairer for student organizations, as well as SGA. White said he puts in 30 to 50 hours per week working

on Committee on Finance (CoF) business, and future students in his position are more likely to be "more traditional students," and may not be willing to put such a large amount of time into a student organization. The new budget procedure will thus ease the workload of the SGA treasurer.

According to the new budget procedure proposal, each organization that is officially recognized by SGA (via submission of proper forms) will receive a sum of money up to \$3,500, without a budget request, based on the organization's involvement on campus in the previous year.

The granted amounts are: \$1,000 for submission of necessary paperwork, \$500 for being involved in the Homecoming Parade, \$500 for attending the fall Club and Organization Fair, \$500 for participating in the fall Big Event, \$500 for participating in the spring Club and Organizational Fair, and \$500 for participating in the spring Big Event.

This amount will serve as a "no questions asked" operating budget that the organizations can use as they see fit. For the 2014-15 academic year, all organizations will automatically be granted \$2,500, and must earn the other \$1,000 through participating in the spring Big Event and the spring organizational fair.

Should this amount not be enough for the goals or needs of the organization, this new procedure will, according to White, "increase partnerships and collaboration between campus groups." In other words, two or more student organizations may collaborate and pool their money to finance or invest in larger or more costly purchases/expenses.

Alternatively, organizations may request funds above and beyond the original \$3,500.



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From left to right: Treasurer Jason White, Secretary Michele Siegfried, The Mountie, Vice President Trevor Clark, Parliamentarian Colton Long, and President Josh Gibson.

According to the proposal, "each funded body will have an opportunity once a semester to request additional funds. In the spring during traditional budget hearings (late March early April), anyone can submit a proposal into one of two categories, 'travel and conferences' (outside of 30 miles) or 'on-campus programs and capital projects' for the upcoming year (in this case, 14/15).

"During the fifth week of the fall semester, COF will hold another opportunity

for proposals to be reviewed for the same school year (in this case 14/15), again reviewing all proposals at the same time."

This proposal was approved by CoF, and includes a \$100 reduction in each student's annual student activity fee. When brought up in the senate, however, the proposal was met with resistance.



## Weekly Weather

### TODAY



Mostly  
Sunny

High:28 Low:18

### FRIDAY



Cloudy

High:34 Low:22

### SATURDAY



Light  
Wintry  
Mix

High:36 Low:22

### SUNDAY



Partly  
Cloudy

High:29 Low:16

### MONDAY



Partly  
Cloudy

High:27 Low:17

### TUESDAY



Mostly  
Cloudy

High:30 Low:23

### WEDNESDAY



Snow  
Showers

High:29 Low:10

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# Info-To-Go Campus Bulletin Board

- Odyssey of the Mind judges are needed by Miller Elementary School in Mansfield. All students, staff and faculty are invited.

They need 10 judges. The competition is March 15th at Berwick High School. Mandatory Judge Training is February 15th at Loyalsock High School in Williamsport. The deadling to sign up is February 1st.

Each volunteer needs to provide: Name, Address, Phone Number and Email Address. Contact Kristen Farrer at farrer5@ptd.net to sign up or ask questions.

- Super Bowl Party this Sunday, February 2nd at the HUT. The Student Government Association (SGA) and Student Activities Office is presenting this event beginning at 4 PM. The football game, featuring Denver VS Seattle, kickoff at 6:25 PM and will be shown on a large movie screen, multiple large screen TV's, and will feature audio from the live concert sound system. The event will feature free buffalo chicken wings, assorted pizzas, beverages, and snacks. There will also be prize give-a-ways as well. This event is funded by Student Activity Fees.

- "Tuesday Night Trivia" at the HUT begins at 9 PM every Tuesday night. Join Mike Allen and his All-Star Traveling Trivia Show at the HUT. Doors open at 8 PM. Win gift certificate prizes weekly provided by our corporate sponsor, Papa V's Pizzeria. Presented by the Student Activities Office. Funded by Student Activity Fees. HUT Snack Bar Open!

- Wednesday Night Open Mic Night at the HUT from 9 PM - 12 AM. Every week join us at the HUT featuring music, singing, poetry, comedy, instrumentalists, bands (rock, indie, alternative, metal, hip-hop, classical, acapella, soloists, duos), performing arts, etc. Full technical support is provided so you simply need to show up and we will do the rest. We also have instrument backline to include drums, piano, electric guitars, electric bass guitar, electric acoustic guitar, and insturment amps. if you don't want to bring your own music instruments. Presented weekly by the Student Activities Office. Funded by Student Activity Fees.

- Paid Internship in Harrisburg – Fall 2014 - Work with state agency or

legislators and receive stipend roughly equivalent to a semester's tuition, room and board – plus gain valuable experience and contacts. Must be a junior or senior with a GPA of 3.0 or better. For more information contact Dr. Lee Wright x 4787 or come to 218 Allen Hall. Applications are due February 17th.

- Every year as the holidays approach, Mansfield University, under the leadership of the United Campus Ministry office, facilitates a program called Santa's Gift Bag. Through this program we offer assistance to local families who need help providing Christmas gifts for their child (or children). Gifts were provided for 125 children, ranging in age from newborn -18. These 125 children were from 53 families. All of the children are students at a Mansfield school (Mansfield High, Miller Elementary, New Covenant Academy), a member of an area day care center or a sibling of one of the above. Gifts were provided for 61 Females and 64 Males.

The age breakdown of the gift recipients was:

Ages: 0-4: 26 gift recipients

5-9: 50 gift recipients

10-13: 31 gift recipients

14-18: 18 gift recipients

None of this would have been possible without our wonderful SPONSORS and generous COMMUNITY SUPPORT!

THANK YOU to every single person who helped whether big or small!

This program would not be possible without the help we receive from each and every one of you!!!

In gratitude,

Courtney Hull

Santa's Gift Bag Coordinator and Campus Minister at Mansfield University

(The full report can be found at <http://www2.mansfield.edu/campus-ministry/community-service.cfm>).

- Men for Progress will be hosting a Valentine's Day dinner Friday February 14 in North Manser Hall. Details to be announced.

- *The Flashlight* will be collecting classified ads every Thursday 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM alternating between Lower Manser and Jazzman's. It is \$1 for up to 20 words. Covers things from looking for a roommate to wishing a friend luck on a game.

## POLICE BEAT

- **Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -**

- 1/25/2014 - University Police responded to the report of a suspected alcohol violation. 6 individuals were found to be present in the room with numerous unopened containers of an alcoholic beverage, and none of the individuals were over the age of 21. The investigation continues.

- 1/24/2014 - University Police responded to a fire alarm activation at Maple Manor. The alarm was activated by person(s) unknown activating a fire alarm pull station. A number of suspects have identified and the matter is being investigated further.

- 1/24/2014 - Police were called to the 2nd floor of Spruce for an unresponsive female. Police arrived finding Tori Ackley, 19, allegedly under the influence of alcohol. The above listed student was cited for underage drinking and referred to Campus Judicial.

- 1/25/2014 - Police were dispatched to the 2nd floor of Spruce for an intoxicated female. Brianne Dion, 19, had to be transported to the hospital and is being Judicially Referred, as well as, charged with Underage Drinking.

- 1/19/2014 - Residence Life staff member contacted police requesting assistance with underage drinking violations on the 2nd floor of Spruce dormitory. Police arrived on scene finding Phillip Ball, 18, Kory Myers, 18, Kimberly Reed-Hyman, 20, and Kiersten Horton, 18, whom had allegedly consumed alcoholic beverages. All persons involved were issued citations for underage drinking and referred to Residence Life.

- 1/14/2014 - Mansfield University student lost a SILVER wallet with drivers licence and debit card in it. If found or have any information of the wallet please call University Police.

- 1/12/2014 - Latimere Campbell, 20, allegedly shoved a victim and subjected her to physical contact. Campbell was charged with Harassment and referred to the campus judicial system.





PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY DAY

Spruce Hall is a four story suite style complex that houses approximately 420 students. This dorm has co-ed floors like Oak Manor, Hickory Manor and Sycamore Hall.

# Spruce Hall is opened

By DEAN LEE  
Features Editor

The opening of Spruce Hall marks the completion of new housing and new living for the Mansfield University students.

Sycamore Hall opened in September 2013. Oak and Hickory Halls were opened in January 2012. Spruce Hall is the fourth of four new residence halls built by the Mansfield Auxiliary Corporation (MAC), giving Mansfield University all new campus housing.

As the new housing for the university comes to a close all the students are settling in. Some new features that are included in the new housing are thermostat control, carpeting, private bathrooms and microfridges. Due to student requests Spruce and Sycamore offer more private rooms. The private bathrooms are preferred over the shared bathrooms in the old buildings. Students have been asking for new housing for a long time and now Mansfield University can offer it to students.

By making some adjustments, the university has saved money. For instance, in order to have a door on the closet, the closet would also have to have a sprinkler in the closet, thus having the closet protected in case of fire, but the university decided not to buy doors and to leave them open cutting the cost of doors as well as sprinklers. Other than that the D and E suites have a living space and a full sized refrigerator.

By contract the new buildings that went up are replacement of the old buildings, not additional building to the existing ones. As well the new buildings must be full in order to keep the deadlines and to create the revenue needed to keep the new housing. In that case Maple Hall will close entirely and a portion of Laurel Hall will close, and the rest will be open for overflow. The overflow is expected to

be more in the fall, and then those students will be moved to the newer housing. Oak and Hickory created replacement beds from Cedar Crest.

Resident Life is now having workers finish the punch list. A punch list is a list that is created when the architect reviews the building and sees things that were not completed correctly like a misplaced light or a wrong curve. The punch list is hoping to be finished by summer.

Now that Mansfield University has new housing they are back on the market for summer camps. Two of the main camps that come are YHEC and Camp Cadet. The biggest worry is the sheetrock and carpeting with the damage and repairs. Some benefits to the new housing include an improved health clinic and an Einstein's Bagels. The Health Clinic offers a new reception area and exam rooms, as well another entrance that goes outside. The hope is that the Bagel shop will be open February 1. Einstein's Bagels will be available to the public and will also offer 15 minute parking outside of Spruce Hall.

Dr. Bridges, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, said, "I'm excited for another place to eat on campus."

The Associate Vice President Residence Life, Chuck Colby said, "Completing Spruce culminates a six year housing master plan and construction process that brings students exactly what they requested. The construction equipment is gone. We hope you really enjoy Mansfield's new housing."

RA selection for next year will begin soon. The targeted students are sophomores and juniors that are capable and knowledgeable. "Students that live on campus have higher retention and graduation rates," Dr. Bridges said. "The ability to live in comfort is a fantastic ability that translates to a better success and a better Mansfield."

## SGA Continued from Page 1

Senator Victoria McNamee said the student activity fees belong to the students since they paid the money in, and that "limiting [when organizations can request money] is the opposite of what we should do." According to McNamee, we should be, instead, utilizing the money "until it's gone" since it's the students' money.

McNamee also said that, since the organizations and clubs are created because they have such a narrow focus, that it may be difficult for several organizations to collaborate for events such as conferences or ensembles, which may only be applicable or beneficial for one organization with a specific focus.

"We throw the money at anyone who walks through the door," Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Dr. Chris Bridges said. "This will give us an opportunity to prioritize."

The motion to pass the budget procedure

proposal in the SGA meeting was tabled, and will be voted on next Tuesday, February 4. The proposal is not set in stone, and may yet be revised or amended, according to Farley. White asked for four volunteers from SGA to join CoF this semester. No members volunteered.

"This is why things don't get done," White said.

"I find it interesting that everyone is fired up and excited about [the budget proposal]," Dr. Bridges said, "but not one person volunteered to join CoF – the committee where this was approved."

The positions on CoF are required and, according to Dr. Bridges, senators will be appointed if need be.

Three ad hoc committees were formed: one for updating the aesthetics of Alumni Hall, one to plan SGA's fall 2014 retreat, and one to plan the spring SGA banquet.

The senate voted on and passed Paul Mansfield's request to become a senator.

The next SGA meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4 in Alumni 307.

## Responsibilities of the SGA President

According to SGA's bylaws, Article I, Section 3, letter A:

1. The individual holding the position of President will receive a \$3,000 stipend from SGA at the end of each semester unless he/she is removed from or leaves the office of President.

2. Schedule and be available for at least 420 hours per semester for office and meeting hours.

3. Schedule and be physically present in the SGA office for a minimum and maximum of 10 office hours per week.

4. Definition of office, meeting, and service hours:

i. Office hours include hours spent in the SGA office in the course of the semester during which the individual will be available to answer questions and provide help and support to student organizations, student leaders, members, advisors, various faculty, campus administrators, and staff.

ii. Meeting hours include hours spent meeting for SGA and/or University related purposes with meetings taking place outside of the SGA office or outside of scheduled office hours.

iii. SGA related meetings will include but not be limited to meetings with any and all students, potential students, student organization student leaders, members, and advisors, along with campus administration, faculty, and staff members, as well as community members and leaders from the town, businesses, and local communities.

5. Provide written officer reports to the SGA Secretary 24 hours before each SGA Senate meeting.



6. Preside at all Student Government Association and Senate meetings.

7. Represent Student Government Association at all public functions or designate a representative in the event that he/she is unable to be present.

8. Coordinate and oversee the operation of Student Government Association and Senate committees and the Senate as a whole.

9. Serve on the Committee on Finance and CCSI Board of Directors.

10. Attend all Mansfield University Board of Trustee meetings.

11. Submit a plan of action and intent to the Senate and Student Government at the first meeting as President, make periodic updates, and do a final report at the last meeting as President.

12. Check the SGA email and respond to any questions, comments, concerns, or complaints relating to students, SGA, the University, and student organization matters.

13. Any other duties as assigned by the SGA Executive Board or Senate.

14. Meet with student organizations' counterparts at least once per semester.

15. Meet with the SGA Advisor on a weekly basis.



# Domination held auditions for upcoming events this semester



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAJHIRA HERBERT

Domination was created in October 2013 by Sophomores Elexis-Roie Smith and Aisha Mawusi. There are currently 15 regular members.

By **KATIE CRANE**  
*News Editor*

Domination modeling club, one of the newest organizations at Mansfield University, held auditions for the upcoming semester. Males and females were needed to be models, designers and makeup artists. “We are not only looking for models. If you have any talents please come,” the

President of Domination Elexis Roie-Smith said. Auditions were held Sunday January 26 and Monday January 27 at 8:00 p.m. both days in 307 Alumni. No experience was needed. Attire suggestion was active wear. Women needed at least four-inch heels and men were told not to wear boots. Domination’s first fashion show occurred Saturday November 23 last semester. Here,

fifteen models and club members strutted to current hip-hop music. The overall theme was “Disturbing the Peace on the Mansfield Campus.” Scene themes “caution” and “all black.” Phi Beta Sigmas Troy Godinet, Josh Moore and Chris Martir also performed a segment. Board members of Domination include President Elexis Roie-Smith, Vice President Aisha Mawusi, and Treasurer

Shadonna Washington. Jordan Boothe is the Public Relations Director and Monica Wilkerson and Kiana Medley are the Events Coordinators and designers. Sophomores, Roie-Smith and Mawusi are the co-founders of the organization. Domination is a modeling group created for men and women of all ethnicities at the university. This modeling group supports and raises money for children diagnosed with sickle cell anemia, a prevalent disease in the African American community. According to The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, in the United States, it’s estimated that sickle cell anemia affects 70,000 to 100,000 people, mainly African Americans. The disease occurs in about one out of every 500 African American births. Sickle cell anemia is most common in people whose families come from Africa, South or Central America (especially Panama), Caribbean islands, Mediterranean countries (such as Turkey, Greece, and Italy), India, and Saudi Arabia. Some members of the club have personal connections to the disease whether they or someone they know has the trait or they know someone with the actual disease. Member and model Kiara Medley had a few reasons to join the club. “It was for a good cause and allowed me to express my artistic side.”

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CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
30  -All Day Admissions: Alumni Postcard Campaign begins (Multi-Day Event)	31	1  -2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Martin Schmidt and Emily Shosh, Junior Voice Recital  -7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Trio La Milpa, Baltimore Symphony Oboe Section	2	3  -End Day Admissions: Alumni Postcard Campaign (Multi-Day Event)  -6:30 PM - 8:30 PM International Film Series @ MU :: Broken	4  -12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (North Hall)  -6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bible Study (North Hall)  -8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study (312 Alumni)	5  - 8:00 PM Byron Motley’s Negro Baseball Leagues – An American Legacy (North Manser)
6	7	8  -1:00 PM Women’s Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Cheyney University  -3:00 PM Men’s Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Cheyney University	9  -2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Alissa Rose and Nancy Boston, Faculty Voice Recital	10  -11:00 AM - 2:00 PM ON-CAMPUS RECRUITER: Frito Lay/PepsiCo (Alumni 2nd floor)	11  -12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (North Hall)  -6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bible Study (North Hall)  -8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study (312 Alumni)	12



# Trio La Milpa to perform at Mansfield University



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY DAY

In 2007 Trio La Milpa was the first American classical music group to tour Greenland.

Trio La Milpa will perform in concert on Saturday, February 1, 7:30 p.m. at Mansfield University's Steadman Theatre.

Comprised of Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO) Principal Oboist Katherine Needleman, BSO Oboist Michael Lisicky and Peabody Institute Faculty Oboist Sandra Gerster, the double reed trio was recently called "some of Baltimore's best classical musicians" by the Baltimore Sun.

Trio La Milpa has performed since 2003. Originally serving as the oboe/English horn section of the Richmond Symphony in Virginia, the three colleagues broke away from their orchestral constraints to explore the colorful and varied chamber music written for two oboes and English horn.

The centerpieces of this repertoire are two works by Beethoven, which have inspired composers such as Triebensee, Badings and

Koetsier to further exploit this instrumental combination. Committed to diversity of musical styles, La Milpa has performed in equally diverse venues - from traditional formal concert halls to outdoor gardens to inner-city schools.

For more information on Trio La Milpa, go to [triolamilpa.com/](http://triolamilpa.com/)

Admission for the recital is \$10. MU students will be admitted free with ID.

Also while at Mansfield, Trio La Milpa will conduct a Master Class on Saturday, February 1, 2:30-4:30 p.m. in Butler Center, Room 163. For more information on the Master Class, contact Associate Professor Susan Laib at [slaib@mansfield.edu](mailto:slaib@mansfield.edu)

This concert is sponsored by the Mansfield University Double Reed Society and funded in part by student activity fees.

# Mansfield University to offer real estate pre-license

Mansfield University is offering 60 hours of real estate pre-license courses required for individuals to become licensed salespersons in Pennsylvania.

The classes will be held on campus, 6-9 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, beginning on March 3 and ending on May 8. Pre-registration is required.

Thomas "Tom" Saveri, broker owner and manager of United Country Realty Pioneers in Wellsboro, will be the instructor. Saveri has been licensed for 33 years and has a Pennsylvania and New York Broker's License. He is president and director of the North Central Penn Board of Realtors and has been a national sales trainer and real estate coach

for more than six years.

The pre-license courses include 30 hours of real estate fundamentals, covering contracts and deeds, and 30 hours of real estate practice, covering agency activities. Instruction will include sample questions to improve the student's proficiency in answering typical real estate license exam questions.

The cost for both courses is \$390. Textbooks are required at an additional cost. For more information or to register, check online at [www2.mansfield.edu/non-credit-courses/](http://www2.mansfield.edu/non-credit-courses/), email [pjackson@mansfield.edu](mailto:pjackson@mansfield.edu) or call (570)662-4820.

The registration deadline is February 21.

# Mansfield University Nursing Program seeks Accreditation

The Mansfield University Nursing Program is seeking continuing accreditation for its baccalaureate program from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

There will be an open session with the ACEN site visit team to share comments about the program on Wednesday, February 12, 2:30 p.m. in the Nursing Lecture Classroom, Patterson Building of the Guthrie Campus in Sayre.

Written comments can also be sent

directly by mail to:

Dr. Sharon Tanner, Chief Executive Officer  
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing  
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, GA 30326

Or by e-mail to [sjtanner@acnursing.org](mailto:sjtanner@acnursing.org). All written comments should be received by February 3.

For more information on ACEN, go to [acnursing.org](http://acnursing.org)

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Sickle cell anemia occurs when a person inherits two abnormal genes (one from each parent) that cause their red blood cells to change shape. Instead of being flexible and disc-shaped, these cells become stiff and curved in the shape of the old farm tool known as a sickle. That's where the disease gets its name.

Sickle cell anemia is thought to be the result of a genetic mutation that occurred in malaria prone areas like Africa thousands of years ago. People with the sickle cell trait may have been more likely to survive malaria epidemics. Because they survived and others did not, it allowed the gene to be passed

down from generation to generation.

During club meetings, they plan shows and tie together details like scenes, clothing and music. The club is in the process of receiving funding from SGA and creating a budget for this semester instead of having to maintain themselves independently as they have done in the past.

Domination has big dreams for the future.

"We want to do a fashion show every month or every two months rather than having only one at the end of year," Roie-Smith said.

Domination is still looking for models and is open to new ideas for the organization.

"We have a lot of good ideas flowing for events as of right now, but this semester should show what Domination is all about," Roie-Smith said.

## Voice your opinion!

Letters to the Editor are accepted and encouraged!

Letters can pertain to campus, local, national or global issues... whatever is on your mind!

Send letters and questions via e-mail to [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu)



# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

## These are my challenges

By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
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Another semester at Mansfield University. My last one, actually.

Part of me is overjoyed. I've been in college since 2009. My twice change of majors set me back, but it was worth it in the end.

The other part of me, however, is dreading the rest of the semester. I've got six classes, my already seemingly-never-ending pile of homework, a newspaper to run, and a job.

I can't cut down on classes because I need them all to graduate. I can't quit my job because I need money to eat every day. I can't quit the paper because, well, I guess I've just got too much pride to leave it – plus the skills and experience I'm gaining are invaluable.

I'm glad to be a part of Dr. McEvoy's Stoicism philosophy course this semester. I'm certainly no expert, but it seems the gist of being a stoic is to banish all negative emotions from your mind, embrace joy, and use logic to make decisions – a mindset I'll surely need if I'm to survive the rest of my college career.

I'm not just here to whine about a busy schedule, though. In fact, I'm rather grateful that I have the opportunity to be able to do so much. It's testing my time management skills, my organizational skills, and, not least of all, my patience.

Would I prefer to have the money to be able to afford to not have to work during my busiest semester yet? Of course. But that wouldn't be a challenge.

It's been a month since New Year's, and my resolution was to challenge myself more. I believe I'm doing this now, and I hope to do this once I graduate and (hopefully) enter a career.

Overcoming challenges builds character. If it weren't for the challenges in my life, I wouldn't be who I am. And if I weren't challenging myself now, I'd likely be home napping after my afternoon class (though I sure do miss naps...)

Instead, I'm doing my best to learn the most I can here. I'm, at this moment, putting together a newspaper. I mean, seriously, did you see that front-page story? Pretty cool, right?

## My time at *The Flashlight*

By **DEAN LEE**  
*Features Editor*

Since when I was in high school, I was always very active. The one club that I enjoyed the most was my high school's newspaper.

Then I came to Mansfield University and for the first time I saw what really goes on in a newspaper. I fell in love with the thrill of journalism. Even though I am not journalism major, I still love the inspiration and thrill of being part of a newspaper.

Being a commuter student, it is another place that I can call home at the university as well.

Since being here at Mansfield University, I have met a lot of different people but none of them can top the guys and girl that I met at *The Flashlight*.

My first semester seemed a little scary but I got on the front page of the paper. That is my first year, first semester front-page piece. How lucky was I?

I was overjoyed, and since then Dr. Bridges has congratulated me on two very well written articles.

My second semester here

at Mansfield University, I was promoted to Features Editor. My outstanding effort and also losing a staff member got me the promotion.

I can say though that even though *The Flashlight* is not the best, the students that work on it bust their asses to make the paper look good. The problem is, is that not one person wants to help out.

Unlike most other students I am willing to help and I will do my best to rise to the top and create the best paper that I can, but I cannot do it alone.

If it wasn't for people like Bryan, David, Chance, Katie, Mr. Mason, or me there would be no newspaper. We all help each other out, and make sure that the paper looks as good as we can get it.

I really hope that someday I could be like the guys and girl that I just listed because those people are some of the best that I have ever met.

Maybe someday I will become the Editor-in-Chief of *The Flashlight*, that is if it's still around, and if anyone else joins.

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College is a challenging time for all of us. What challenges do you face? What obstacles get in your way? What stops you from 'doing'? How do you overcome your struggles? We'd love to hear, let us know your thoughts and experiences!

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# Book Review: *The Zombie Survival Guide: Complete Protection from the Living Dead* by Max Brooks

By DAN MASON  
Flashlight Adviser

Max Brooks, son of Mel Brooks of movie fame, writer for Saturday Night Live, has written a survival guide for the already underway war between zombies and humans.

Brooks starts with the myths and realities surrounding the undead, then attempts to classify the different types of outbreaks. Class 1 outbreaks involve fewer than 50 people/zombies in a rural area. There is little press or official involvement. Class 2 outbreaks involve more people and zombies. They take place in more urban areas. There will be significant official involvement including state law enforcement up to some low-level military units. There may be several hundred human casualties.

Class 3 outbreaks are genuine crises. Thousands of zombies will infest an area of hundreds of square miles. Class 3 outbreaks might last several months. There is no way to keep a Class 3 outbreak from the press: lots of witnesses, significant battles involving law enforcement and the military, martial law, restricted travel, etc.

Brooks takes almost 30 pages to describe a Class 4 outbreak: "See 'Living in an Undead World.'"

After warning of the threat Brooks tells how to combat the undead. He lists several general rules then talks about weapons. Brooks explains the pros and cons of every conceivable weapon one might use against the undead, from clubs to power tools, ranged weapons to explosives, ending with such unconventional weapons as acid and nanotechnology. The chapter ends with a discussion of the use of armor during an infestation of the undead.

After the reader is prepared, Brooks suggests the three possible scenarios one might be involved in during an outbreak: defense, running and attacking. Brooks has suggestions for defending oneself and small and large groups in various private and public venues. He has suggestions for how to prepare a defensive position before an outbreak and where to go in the event of an outbreak.

Brooks' notes on how, when and where to run are thorough. He includes information on general rules for running, equipment and vehicles. He rates several types of terrain through which one might find oneself running.

Finally Brooks addresses the possibility

of attacking the undead. He argues that the undead will one day want to reclaim the world, so he outlines plans for hunting the undead during a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 outbreak, in various types of terrain. He lists preferred weapons and equipment and transportation. He offers plans for dealing with the undead in nine types of terrain. Lastly he suggests strategies for killing that which is already dead but doesn't know it: Lure and Destroy, The Tower, Mobile Tower, Cage, Tank, Stampede and a few of his strategies.

Final suggestions offer ways to live "in an undead world." During the Cold War, we called this "Peaceful coexistence." Brooks finishes up with suggestions about how to approach the world after the undead have died or been killed and the world is ready to be repopulated.

The last part of the book is more than 60 pages of "recorded attacks," a chronology of possible and verified zombie attacks from circa 60,000 B.C.E. in Central Africa to 2002, C.E. in the Virgin Islands.

Everything I read about this book said it was funny. I kept reading and trying to find the funny. I was disappointed.

As a comedy, it was an okay guide to survival in general. I can't judge its efficacy for surviving large or small hordes of the undead.

As a thriller, the book was mildly amusing. There were some clever bits of writing, though nothing made me actually laugh.

As a survival guide I found myself wishing the undead would stop messing about and attack so I could try some of Brooks' suggestions. When dealing with the undead, this is not a wise wish to make.

The "Myths and Realities," and "Recorded Attacks" sections were superfluous. They were dull and painful to read. I read them, but it took an effort. I am sure there were clever bits here, but they were so deeply buried that I never found them. There certainly was no comedy.

I liked the book. I enjoyed reading it, but it was not at all what I expected. Probably the greatest enjoyment I got from reading the book was carrying it with me as I went about my business. More than one person wanted to discuss strategies for surviving an attack by the undead. I hope those people were pulling my leg, but they all seemed sincere.

Maybe I should read the book more carefully.

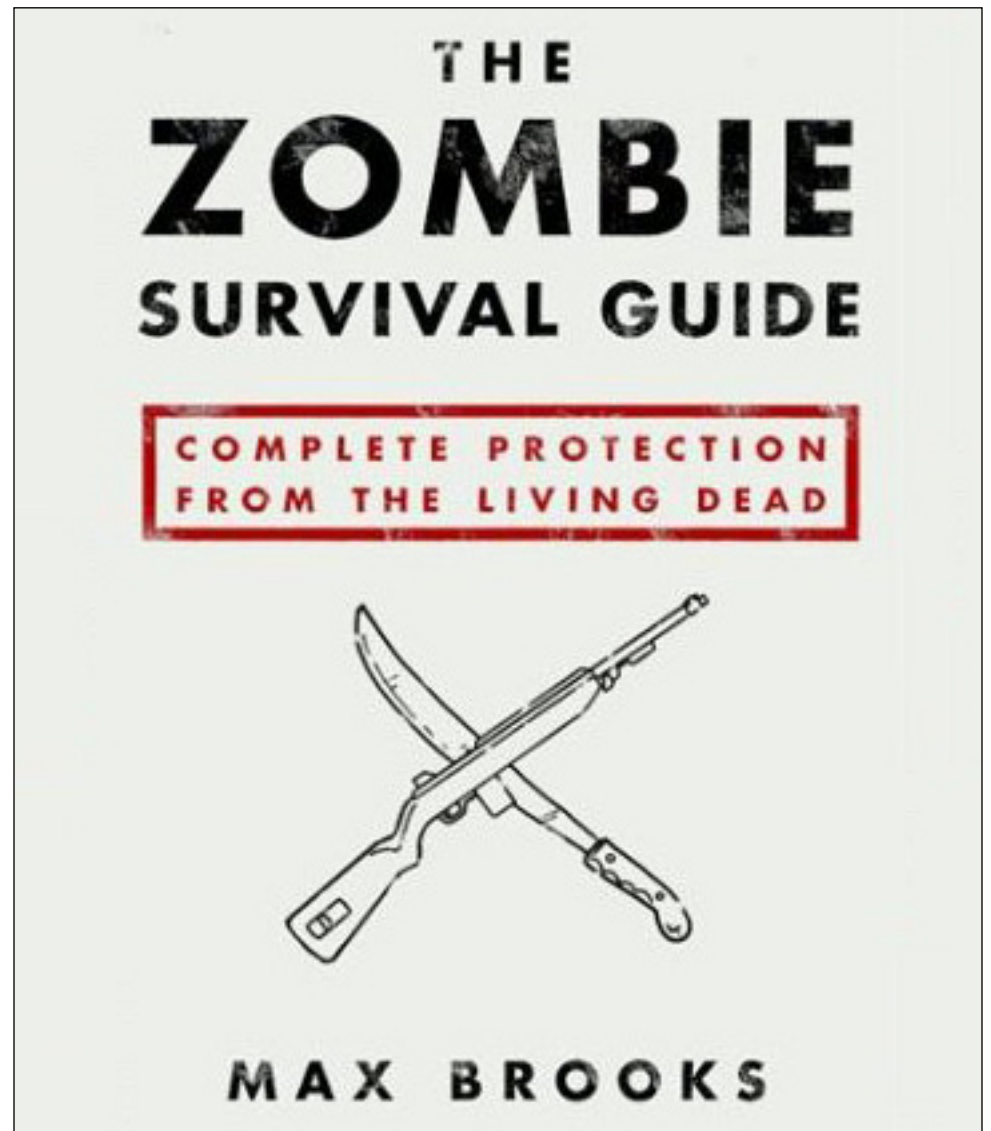


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From 2001 to 2003, Brooks was a member of the writing team at Saturday Night Live.

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We are currently are looking for two Main Anchors, one Sports Anchor, and one Entertainment Anchor. If you want to audition for any of these positions, please email MUTV President Kirstie Sweeney at [sweeneyka29@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:sweeneyka29@mounties.mansfield.edu). Deadline will be 5pm on Sunday, February 2nd.

If you're not interested in being on camera, but would still like to be a part of MUTV, come to our staff meetings at 5:30pm on Mondays beginning on Monday, February 3rd in Allen 203.

*Mountaineer News* will be live for our first newscast of the semester on Wednesday, Feb. 19th at 5:30pm on Blue Ridge Cable Channel 13.

## Word of the Week:

riposte \ ri-POHST \ , noun;

1. a quick, sharp return in speech or action; counterstroke: a brilliant riposte to an insult .
2. Fencing . a quick thrust given after parrying a lunge.

verb: 1. to make a riposte.

2. to reply or retaliate.

## Quote of the Week:

"Not to engage in the pursuit of ideas is to live like ants instead of like men."

-Mortimer Adler

## Lyric of the Week:

"We're workin' our jobs, collect our pay, Believe we're gliding down the highway, when in fact we're slip sliding away"

- Paul Simon, *Slip Slidin' Away*

## Fact of the Week:

In Japan, watermelons are squared. It's easier to stack them that way.



## New Provost: Dr. David Stinebeck

By KATIE CRANE  
News Editor

Dr. David Stinebeck has been named Mansfield University's Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Stinebeck was initially hired as Interim Associate Provost and Dean of Arts & Sciences in May 2012. He first got wind of the open position through an organization called The Registry for College and University Presidents. The Registry was established in 1992 and is now the nation's premier interim leadership firm in higher education. Here, members are prescreened for positions in higher education. When universities need an interim position filled in a timely manner, they send information to The Registry. Members can respond if interested. The university must then pick a candidate and proceed with the hiring process.

"There are about 350 members now," Stinebeck said.

Dr. Stinebeck was born in Toronto, Canada and raised in a town outside of Chicago, Illinois. As a child he wanted to be a tap dancer, but that didn't work out.

"I wasn't coordinated enough," Stinebeck said.

After giving up on this dream he knew the impact he wanted to make, but didn't know the exact profession he wanted to get involved with.

"I wanted to be a part of something where I could trust my own mind and figure things out myself," Stinebeck said.

One thing that Dr. Stinebeck has been able to figure out is the sense of community that this university has to offer.

"There is very good teaching here. The commitment faculty and staff have to the students and their wellbeing is remarkable," Stinebeck said.

Dr. Stinebeck studied English at Stanford University where he received his bachelor's degree. He received his M.A. and Ph.D at Yale University in American studies. He has worked at a number of Universities including Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, Albright College in Reading and The University of Rhode Island.

Stinebeck even managed to start a company in between universities. Seven years ago he started Concordant Consulting. This company's mission is to assist academic institutions and other non-profit cultural organizations striving to achieve improved internal governance and the most effective exercise of the authority and expertise of



PHOTO BY KATIE CRANE

Dr. David Stinebeck enjoys golf and researching almost any subject.

trustees, senior administrators, faculty or other professionals. He still owns this company today.

Dr. Stinebeck was hired as Interim Provost after Former Provost Peter Keller retired at the end of last semester. Keller had served 39 years at Mansfield University.

Dr. J.P. Burke is now the Associate Provost and Interim Dean of the Faculty. Three Faculty Administrators/Assistants to the Provost have been appointed as well. They include professors Shellie Gregorich, Karen Guenther and Nancy Sidell.

"I am confident this team will lead our Academic Affairs Division through the next semester with the best interests of Mansfield University and its students as its compass," Mansfield University President Fran Hendricks said during the announcement.

Instead of the Provost and the Associate Provost splitting the departments equally, both manage and are responsible for all departments at the university. It is currently a vertical arrangement of power. Department chairs report to Dr. Burke while Burke consults with Dr. Stinebeck.

As Provost, it the team's job to oversee all academic affairs of the school which includes online and on campus classes. They are also involved in the interaction of academic activities with the rest of the campus. This includes admissions and student affairs.

Dr. Stinebeck is optimistic about his term at Mansfield University. "My goal is to help the President bring the school more visibility and respect."

## Mansfield University to present Byron Motley's "Negro Baseball Leagues"

As part of its celebration of Black History Month, and in celebration of diversity, Mansfield University will present Byron Motley's Negro Baseball Leagues – An American Legacy on Wednesday, February 5, 8 p.m. in North Manser Hall. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The Negro Baseball Leagues - An American Legacy highlights moments of a little known era of American history. Motley, a lecturer, filmmaker author and entertainer, gives an engaging and illuminating look at this bygone era that helped to give birth to the mod-

ern day Civil Rights movement in America.

Included with the lecture is a video presentation of a Negro League documentary being produced by Motley for PBS. The video contains historic interviews with Hank Aaron, Maya Angelou, Willie Mays, Walter Cronkite, President Bill Clinton, former Secretary of State Colin Powell and others.

For more information on Motley, go to [byronmotley.com](http://byronmotley.com). This event is sponsored by the Student Activities Office and is funded by student activity fees.

## Student participates in Harrisburg internship

Harrisburg – Kyra Venittelli of Troy is working for the state Department of Aging as part of a 15-week internship sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

Venittelli is a senior social work major and sociology minor at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania. She is one of 14 students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program, which provides students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits. THIS invites students from each of the 14 PASSHE universities to participate.

Venittelli, the daughter of Mary Santiago, is a 2009 graduate of Jackson Memorial High School. She and the other students participating in the program will attend several academic seminars during their spring semester internship. Each of the students also will complete an individualized research project as part of the program's requirements.

More than 500 students from PASSHE universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989, each gaining valuable insight into the workings of state government at the policy-making level. Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies, as well as in the offices of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the attorney general.

PASSHE students interested in participating in THIS in a future semester may obtain information on the program by contacting their individual campus coordinator or their university's cooperative or internship office, or by calling the Dixon University Center at (717) 720-4089. More information on the program also is available at: [www.passhe.edu/this](http://www.passhe.edu/this).

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is the largest provider of higher



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To learn more about possible internships in Harrisburg, contact Dr. Lee Wright .

education in the Commonwealth, with about 112,000 students. The 14 PASSHE universities offer degree and certificate programs in more than 120 areas of study. About 500,000 PASSHE alumni live and work in Pennsylvania.

The state-owned universities are Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania. PASSHE also operates branch campuses in Clearfield, Freeport, Oil City and Punxsutawney and several regional centers, including the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg and PASSHE Center City in Philadelphia.

# The Secret of our Success

By DAN MASON  
*Flashlight Adviser*

Each of these sets of letters can be unscrambled to spell the name of something at Mansfield University. Unscramble the letters and put them in the to the right.

When you have filled the grid, unscramble the circled letters to find the secret to Mansfield University's success.

Answer:

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## Horoscopes

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### ARIES

March 21 - April 19

You've got to stay as grounded as possible — emotional trouble could arise if you get too crazy. Take deep breaths, get some exercise or just have a long talk with someone who knows you really well.

### TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

Your ties to the natural world are enhanced today, so make sure that you're getting out there and breathing fresh air or experiencing the rain in your face. It feels great to be alive!

### GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

It's hard to get through one part of the day — but once you do, the floodgates should open up and you ought to find it easier. Try to get your people to help out during the worst of it.

### CANCER

June 22 - July 22

You regain your footing emotionally — and may find it easier to navigate a tricky work or family situation. Things should get a lot better for you as you find new ways to keep the balls in the air.

### LEO

July 23 - August 22

Sure, you've got an ego — but who doesn't? Things are looking pretty good, generally speaking, but you may need to let someone else take the lead when it comes to some project that's important to you.

### VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

Your love life sees a little boost today as you discover new ways to either meet new people or show your sweetheart what they mean to you. Open up and let your light shine brightly!

### LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

You've got to take care today — things are weird and getting weirder, and you may not be able to keep track of it all. Make sure you can get some assistance if things start to get ugly.

### SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

You've got to be the one who gets things started today. Your energy is strong, and others are mostly just waiting for guidance or leadership. Things should start to improve once you start moving.

### SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

Cooking and other domestic activities hold special appeal for you today. Spend as much time as you can at home, as you can store up that peace and goodwill for later, when you need it more.

### CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

You get a bit of good news — that may be the harbinger for a lot more of the same! You should find that your energy is more than enough to handle the praise and requests that are sure to follow.

### AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

Don't stick your neck out today — the powers that be are looking for someone to make an example of. If you can just close your door and work on your own projects, that would be perfect.

### PISCES

February 19 - March 20

Your colleagues are surprisingly helpful today — even if you're not working or haven't worked in a while. You may get a new lead or just a little boost exactly when you need it. Enjoy!



# Mansfield swimming team goes 4-2 in January

By DAVID BARR  
Sports Editor

The Mansfield swimming team posted a record of 4-2 with one meet being unscored in January.

The first meet was against Lycoming on January 15. Despite recording six first-place finishes, seven second-place finishes, and two third place finishes, Mansfield lost 143-114 to Lycoming. Amani Khabeer, Megan Becker, Connie Medura, and Lene' Sansone finished first in the 200-yd medley relay.

Abby Zdancewicz finished first in the 1000-yd freestyle and 500-yd freestyle events. Megan Becker finished first in the 50-yd freestyle race. Connie Medura took first in the 200-yd breaststroke race. Mansfield also swept the top three spots in the 200-yd freestyle.

On Senior Day against Lock Haven, Abby Zdancewicz took first place in the 1000-yd and 500-yd freestyle events. Mansfield got second place finishes from Lene' Sansone, Megan Becker, Aani Khabeer, and Connie Medura. Lene' Sansone took runner-up honors in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle. Megan Becker was second in the 50-yard freestyle, Amani Khabeer was second in the 100-yard backstroke, and Connie Medura was second in the 100-yard breaststroke. Mansfield also took second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

In a dual meet against University of Pitt-Bradford and Wells College, Mansfield had eight first place finishes. Mansfield earned a first-place finish in the 400-yard medley relay. Abby Zdancewicz had two first-place finishes in the 1000-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle. Megan Becker also had two first-place finishes. Her wins came in the 50-yard freestyle and the 200-yard butterfly. Lene' Sansone took first in the 200-yard individual



Amani Khabeer (center with photo) was honored by her coaches and teammates before the last home meet of the year on January 17 against Lock Haven University.

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medley. Doni Matrone took first in the 100-yard freestyle. Connie Medura was first in the 200-yard breaststroke.

The swim team had three opponents on January 24 and 25 in Lock Haven, California University of Pennsylvania, and Chatham

University. Mansfield took second place behind California by four points over Lock Haven.

Mansfield got two third place finishes in the 400-yard individual medley and the 800-yard freestyle relay. Katherine Miller took third

in the 400-yard IM and the team of Abby Zdancewicz, Kristin Taylor, Allie Muha, and Danielle Parowski placed third in the 800-yard freestyle relay. The two-day meet was the final event of the season for the swim team.

## Women's basketball falls to 0-18 on the season with latest loss to Bloomsburg University

By DAVID BARR  
Sports Editor

Mansfield's loss to the Bloomsburg Huskies continued their winless season on January 22.

Jenna Matter led the team with 14 points and Katie Fitzpatrick added 10 points, but it wouldn't be enough to get Mansfield its first win of the year.

Fitzpatrick and Bridget Carney both led the team with six rebounds and Alyssa

DeRichie had five assists in the game.

Matter's 14 points moved her to within 50 points of 1,000-point milestone. Matter would become just the 15th player in franchise history to accomplish the feat, should she score 50 points in the remaining eight games. She would need to average just over six points a game to reach the record, and considering she is averaging 14.2 points a game, she should reach the 1000-point mark for her career.

Mansfield is averaging per game: 60.8

points, 21.0 field goals, 3.8 3-pt. field goals, 14.9 free throws, 36.3 rebounds, 13.0 assists, 8.7 steals, and 1.4 blocks.

Jenna Matter leads most of the categories for the team. She leads the team in points per game, field goal percentage, free throw percentage, and rebounds per game. Matter is averaging 14.2 points per game, a .455 field goal percentage which equals 5.4 field goals a game, a .633 free throw percentage which equals 3.1 free throws a game, and 6.9 rebounds per game.

Maria Kelleher leads the team in three-point field goal percentage at .298. Alyssa DeRichie leads the team with 70 assists, averaging 3.9 per game.

Bridget Carney leads the team with eight blocks, averaging 0.4 blocks a game. Katie Fitzpatrick leads the women with 39 steals, averaging 2.2 a game.

The women's next matchup comes Saturday February 1 against the Golden Rams of West Chester University with tip-off coming at 2:00 p.m.

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## Men's basketball post three wins during holiday break

By **TOM PASSMORE**  
*Sports Writer*

The Mansfield University men's basketball had nine games during the semester break and came away with a 3-6 record. Wins came against Clarion on December 18, Millersville on January 11th and Shippensburg on January 18th. Season stat leaders for the year are senior Joe Bell averaging 21 points a game (which is third in the PSAC) and also leading the team in rebounding at 7.5 rebounds a game. Charles Beacoats is leading the Mounties in assists with 3 per game. In the six games that the Mountaineers lost they only lost by an average of 12 points per game. Against Clarion, four Mansfield players scored double-digit points as the Mounties won in convincing fashion, 86-57. Mansfield held the lead for all but 15 second in the game and held Clarion to a season-low 57 points. Joe Bell had a team- and game-high 22 points. Xavier Warner made his first start of the season and scored 18 points. Charles Pemberton and Onyema Utti both had 16 points in the contest. Millersville erased a 17-point second half deficit to take a 83-82 lead with 1:54 left. A pair of Millersville free throws with less than 30 seconds left gave Millersville an 87-86 lead. Bell scored the winning layup with 3.2 seconds left in the second half to give Mansfield the win. It was the first PSAC East win of the year for Mansfield. Despite fouling out in the win against Shippensburg, Bell had a game-high 24 points and Charles Becoats had 17 in the win. Ryan Krawczeniuk added 12 points and Pember-

ton had 10 points. Mansfield dropped a close game to undefeated 6th-ranked Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) on January 3. IUP held a nine-point lead going into the half after leading 24-10 early in the first half. The Mounties went on a 13-3 run to cut the lead to 47-43 midway through the second half. Mansfield made it a four-point game with 47 seconds left but an IUP layup and a converted free throw attempt clinched the game for IUP and kept their undefeated season intact. Bell again led the Mounties with 17 points. Xavier Warner was the only other Mansfield player with double-digit points, as he had 12 points on the night. Ryan Krawczeniuk led the Mounties with three assists and Charles Pemberton had all three of Mansfield's blocks. In their first game back from break, the Mountaineers fell to Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg on January 22. Mansfield was only down by two points with 5:38 to play in the game when Bloomsburg went on a 16-2 run to ultimately win the game 86-70. Tied after the first half at 41, while only shooting 42% from the field while allowing Bloomsburg to shoot 58% from the field. In the second half, Mansfield only shot 35% from the field and committed 11 personal fouls that led to 15 Bloomsburg free throws. Mansfield would also only shoot 2-13 from three-point range as their offense stalled in the second half. Mansfield's next matchup is at West Chester on Saturday February 1 at 4:00 p.m.



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Joe Bell had 41 points in the win over Millersville.

## Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
30	31 -Men's Track and Field @ Bison Open  -Women's Track and Field @ Bison Open	1 -Swimming @ Lock Haven University 1:00 p.m. -Women's Basketball @ WCU 2:00 p.m. -Men's Basketball @ WCU 4:00 p.m.	2	3	4	5 -Women's Basketball @ Kutztown University 5:30 p.m. -Men's Basketball @ Kutztown University 7:30 p.m.
6	7 -Women's Track and Field vs New Balance Invitational -Men's Track and Field vs New Balance Invitational	8 -Women's Basketball vs. Cheyney 1:00 p.m. -Men's Basketball vs. Cheyney 3:00 p.m. -Men and Women's Track and Field vs New Balance Invitational	9	10	11	12 -Women's Basketball @ Millersville 6:00 p.m. -Men's Basketball @ Millersville 8:00 p.m.



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## SGA votes down proposed budget procedure, declines to lower student activities fees



PHOTO BY BRYAN MAHOSKY

An unprecedented 100+ Mounties attended the SGA meeting on Tuesday night.

By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Student Government Association (SGA) voted against a budget procedure policy change that was proposed by the Committee on Finance (CoF) on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

According to the proposed budget procedure, each organization that is officially recognized by SGA (via submission of proper forms) would have received a sum of money up to \$3,500, without a budget request, based on the organization's involvement on campus in the previous year.

The \$3,500 would have been obtained from:

1. \$500 for submission of necessary paperwork each semester (\$1,000 total).
2. \$500 for homecoming.
3. \$500 for attending each student

organizational fair (\$1,000 total).

4. \$500 for participating each Big Event (\$1,000 total).

This amount would have served as a "no questions asked" operating budget that the organizations can use as they see fit.

Should this amount not be enough for the goals or needs of the organization, this procedure would have, according to White, "increase partnerships and collaboration between campus groups." In other words, two or more student organizations could have collaborated and pooled their money to finance more costly purchases.

Alternatively, organizations could have requested funds above the original \$3,500.

According to the proposal, "each funded body will have an opportunity once a semester to request additional funds. In the spring during traditional budget hearings

(late March early April), anyone can submit a proposal into one of two categories, 'travel and conferences' (outside of 30 miles) or 'on-campus programs and capital projects' for the upcoming year (in this case, 14/15).

"During the fifth week of the fall semester, COF will hold another opportunity for proposals to be reviewed for the same school year (in this case 14/15), again reviewing all proposals at the same time."

This proposal was approved by CoF, and included a \$100 reduction in each student's annual student activity fee.

This proposal, according to Treasurer Jason White, promoted fairness, inter-organizational collaboration, and an incentive to participate in student organization fairs, Homecoming, and Big Events – all while reducing student debt due to the lowered student activity fees.

When brought to SGA last week, the motion to approve the proposal was tabled until this week's meeting. In the meantime, senators were encouraged to review the proposal and come prepared to the next meeting with their suggestions for changes.

This week, however, the senate ultimately forced a vote on the original motion with no changes to the proposal.

The vote to pass the budget procedure proposal failed. Because of this, the budget procedure that has been in place will remain in effect, and no reductions to the annual student activity fees were made.

Because SGA chose to stick with the original procedure, White said, we are not giving an incentive for student organizations to attend events (student organizational fair, Big Events, and Homecoming). This also gives no prioritization to student organization requests, according to White, and does nothing to reduce student debt.

"We sat in CoF today and approved nine requests without discussion," White said. "They just approve things on a 'first come, first serve' basis with no cost-benefit analysis or other facts to back up their requests until the available funds are gone."

Organizations that request smaller, and only mandatory, amounts of money would actually be "irresponsible" for doing so, according to White.

"I would advise smaller organizations request up to \$25,000 or \$40,000 in their budget," White said. "If you're going to be the organization that only asks for \$1,000 to operate, and the rest of the organizations request \$25,000 each, then we have to do cuts across the board. So if you only requested what you need, you won't get it."

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Weekly  
Weather

TODAY



Partly  
Cloudy

High:24 Low:-1

FRIDAY



Partly  
Cloudy

High:23 Low:2

SATURDAY



Mostly  
Cloudy

High:28 Low:15

SUNDAY



Snow  
Shower

High:30 Low:14

MONDAY



Partly  
Cloudy

High:22 Low:-1

TUESDAY



Partly  
Cloudy

High:21 Low:4

WEDNESDAY



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Info-To-Go  
Campus Bulletin Board

- *The Flashlight* will be collecting classified ads every Thursday 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM alternating between Lower Manser and Jazzman's. It is \$1 for up to 20 words. Covers things from looking for a roommate to wishing a friend luck on a game.

- Mansfield University's next Visit Day is scheduled for Monday, February 17th. The Office of Admissions would like to invite each club and organization to be represented at the Student Life and Organization Fair.. Please RSVP for the Organizational Fair by Wednesday, February 12th. You may register for all Visit Days in one email. Thank you!

The Organizational Fair will be held from 1:45pm (set-up) to 2:45pm (break-down) in Alumni Hall 2nd Floor Hallway. We will do our best to accommodate one organization per table (unless shared table is requested.)

- The Student Activities Office (SAO) in celebration of Diversity & Black History Month presents: Author-Film Maker - Lecturer: Byron Motley- The Negro Baseball Leagues - An American Legacy on Wednesday, February 5th at 8 PM in North Manser Dining Hall. His lecture / video presentation will highlight moments of a little known era of American History that helped to give birth to the modern day Civil Rights movement in America. The video contains footage from the documentary being produced by Mr. Motley for PBS. For more information on Bryon Motley go to byronmotley.com. Funded by Student Activity Fees.

- On-campus recruiter: FritoLay/PepsiCo  
When: Monday, February 10 11am-2pm  
Where: Alumni Hall 2nd Floor (near Bookstore)

About FritoLay/PepsiCo: A key business unit within PepsiCo, FritoLay is a market leader in the snack food industry. They are the makers of some of America's favorite snack foods including, Fritos, Lay's, Doritos, Cheetos, and Tostitos. To learn more about FritoLay, visit [www.fritolay.com](http://www.fritolay.com).

Stop by their information table to learn more about job and internship opportunities in the Williamsport, PA area, as well as many other locations across the country.

- An arts installation by artist Ben Van Dyke. Opening reception was Monday February 3rd. The show is free and open to the public and will be on display until February 21st.

- The next Shale Speaker Series will be held on Thursday, February 13th. During this session, Kinney Cossel from SeaTrax will present Risk Management & Job Site Safety of a Natural Gas Job Site.

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The presentation will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Allen Hall, Room 104 at Mansfield University. The presentation is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please visit the events page at [mansfield.edu/marcellus-institute](http://mansfield.edu/marcellus-institute).

POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

-2/3/14- A bookbag was reported missing and possibly stolen from Kelchner Fitness Center. The bookbag was subsequently recovered by police. Involved parties were referred to campus judicial for the incident.

-2/2/14- Damage wa reported to a silver Toyota, which occurred in the overnight hours of the 29th while parked on Clinton Street.

-1/27/14- Nicholas Garwig, 18, and Benjamin Hurley, 19, were referred to Campus Judicial for smoking marijuana on campus. The investigation began after residence life personnel informed campus police.

-1/25/14- University Police responded to the report of a suspected alcohol violation at about 9:30 pm on January 24 in Hickory Manor. Six (6) individuals were found to be present in the room with numerous unopened containers of alcoholic beverages; none of the individuals were over the age of 21. The following students were judicially referred: Joseph Bucek, 20; Michael Bucek, 20; Spencer Underdown, 19; Derrick Burd, 18; Dylan Flexer, 18; John McKane, 19.

World News  
Headlines from across the planet



-2/4/14- The Senate passed a nearly \$1 trillion farm bill on Tuesday  
- It sets five years of eating and farming policy in the United States  
- It cuts the food stamp program and increases spending on farmers markets  
- Continued subsidies ensure corn remains one of the country's most reliable sources of food

-2/4/14- U.S. Navy discloses nuclear exam cheating  
- Navy cheating follows scandal at Air Force nuclear base over exam

- The Navy case involves enlistees testing to use nuclear reactors that power ships and subs  
- About 30 people have lost their authority to perform certain duties

-2/4/14- Report: Syria to ship toxic agents  
- Syria plans to send a large shipment of toxic agents out of the country this month, report says  
- Syria agreed to an international plan to dismantle its chemical weapons program last year  
- The head of the world's chemical weapons watchdog has urged it to speed up the process  
- Two shipments of chemicals were sent out of the country in January

-2/4/14- Blast near Peshawar hotel kills 9  
- Bomber was at nearby shop before rushing toward restaurant  
- Motive not immediately clear; Pakistani Taliban says it wasn't behind blast  
- "Scores of people lying in blood," witness says



# SGA survey sent through e-mail is not successful

By DEAN LEE  
Features Editor

SGA sent out an email to the students also including the faculty and staff members of the university Wednesday.

SGA sent out surveys regarding Mansfield University and SGA satisfaction by the university body.

The goal of the survey was to get the feelings from the university about SGA. "It was targeted to the students, but I don't think it hurts hearing the faculty and staff's voices too," Dillon Mulroy, Director of Information and Technology said. The Survey was up for 36 hours, or 1 and half days. 238 people responded to the email and took the survey online. SGA was fortunately able to look at the first 100 responses and comments to the survey. Once they found out that they couldn't look at any more comments, due to the survey company not allowing them to before paying, SGA took down the survey.

"We got very varied opinions, some people were supportive, where some people were against SGA members specifically," Michele Siegfried, secretary said. Some of the questions asked about the favorability of SGA and the university. Most responses provided showed that the university favored Mansfield University, on the other hand the questions asked about SGA were either unfavorable or did not know enough about.

According to Mulroy, the survey proves that SGA needs to raise awareness to the campus about their activities. Only certain members of SGA's Executive Board knew the survey, but overall it was President Joshua Gibson's incentive. Cole Black, director of public relations said, the survey was intended to see if the student body thought that SGA was doing their job and not having a corrupt government. The answer is about 50/50 equal on both sides. Dr. Bridges Associate Vice President and Dean of Students declined to comment.

## SGA budget Continued from page 1

Parliamentarian Colton Long believes that other members of SGA voted against the proposal out of fear of losing their own budget, and did not take into account the proposal as a whole and how it would affect all students.

"[The senate] does not understand the concept of equality," Long said. "Are we not Senators? Are we not supposed to represent all students instead of our own constituencies?"

Budgets for organizations are due by Feb. 24. Each day the budget is late will impose a cumulative 10% penalty. The final day for submissions is March 5, which will be coupled with a 90% reduction to the organization's submitted budget due to the penalty.

Starting this year, SGA will now be required to pay CCSI. CCSI used to make enough profits to be sustainable, according to White. However, SGA must now pay CCSI \$94,000.

By not cutting student activity fees to athletics, music, Kelchner Fitness Center, and/or Student Activities Office, the burden of this \$94,000 is instead transferred to the 80 student organizations, according to White.

About 100 Mountaineers attended the meeting, 17 of whom were applying to become SGA senators; the majority of the senator applicants hailed from the athletics department.

The following students were accepted into SGA: Jared Wiest, Paul Harrison, Kyle Melvin, Brett Helmus, Rebecca Adams, Amani Khabeer, Lascelles Booth, Jeremy Mapstone, Tara Warriner, Chelsea Simmers, Maria Kelleher, Megan Miller, Anthony Renz,

Kathryn Fitzpatrick, Austin Zimmerman, and Alexander Bock.

John Brunetti's application was denied.

This puts the senate at 41 voting members – 11 more senators than last semester's denied cap proposal allowed.

This large influx of athlete senators introduces an informal "Athletic Caucus," or a second "party" in what was a one party system.

"It's beyond the best we could have hoped for in this situation," White said. "Diversity of opinion is important."

Dean of Students Dr. Chris Bridges voiced his concern at the oddity of such a large group of athletes applying to become senators immediately following the proposed cut to athletics funding.

A majority of the senator applicants were members of athletics organizations. According to applicant Anthony Renz, the athletes were encouraged to attend the SGA meeting under "coach's orders." The athletes then decided to apply for senator positions in order to have their voices heard.

"Let it be known that [SGA] made themselves look like complete a\*\*holes in front of the whole athletic community," former president of SGA Arron Miller said. "They should deeply consider a campus-wide apology for this debacle and reconsider what their main purpose is and what they stand for."

"By virtue of the decision [SGA] made tonight, we are letting greed control the process," White said. "Greed is going to hurt our organizations."

The next SGA meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. pm Tuesday, Feb. 11 in 307 Alumni.

# BSU to host film series for Black History Month

By KATIE CRANE  
News Editor

The Black Students Union will be having a film series in honor of Black History Month.

Every Thursday in February, BSU will show different films to showcase African American culture in Alumni 307 at 8 p.m. Today marks the first film day. Hidden Colors is the first of four to be shown.

Hidden Colors is a documentary focusing on the untold history of people of color around the globe. This film discusses some of the reasons the contributions of African and aboriginal people have been left out of the pages of history. Traveling around the country, the film features scholars, historians, and social commentators who have uncovered facts about things such as the presence of Africans in America before Columbus and the real reason slavery was ended.

"This is the type of movie that makes you think," BSU Vice President Serena Chapman said.

This film was created and directed by Tariq Nasheed. Nasheed is a documentary film producer as well as an author, satirist and relationship expert among other things. Nasheed's books on dating and finding women include The Mack Within, The Elite Way, and The Art of Mackin. Nasheed has also authored two advice books for female readers which include Play or Be Played: What Every Female Should Know About Men, Dating, and Relationships and The Art of Gold Digging.

Nasheed has appeared on various television shows including The Tonight Show with

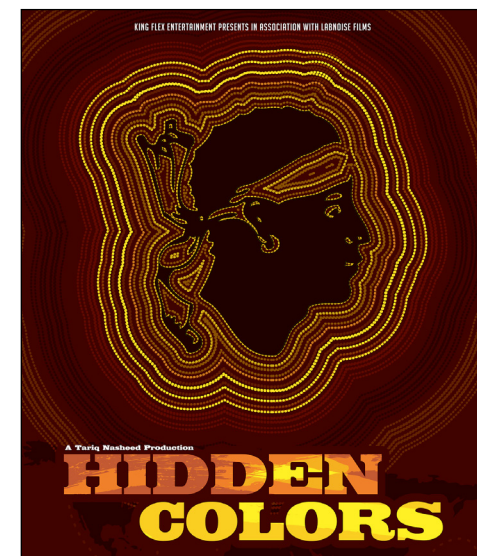


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*Hidden Colors* was released in select theaters in the United States April 14, 2011.

Jay Leno, Late Night with Conan O'Brien, MTV's Made, and Flavor of Love Girls: Charm School. Recently, Mayor Byron W. Brown of Buffalo New York made a proclamation that declared November 1st 2013, Tariq Nasheed day in the city of Buffalo.

Nasheed produced and released Hidden Colors 2 in 2012. It is a follow up to the first documentary.

The other films of this month include The Great Debaters on February 13, How Racist are You? On February 20 and Mississippi Burning on February 27.

This event is funded by student activity fees.

## Natural Gas Job Site Safety to be discussed at Mansfield University Presentation

Kinney Cossel from SeaTrax will present "Risk Management & Job Site Safety of a Natural Gas Job Site" on Thursday, February 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mansfield University's Allen Hall, Room 104. The presentation is free and open to the public.

This is the February installment of the Shale Speaker Series sponsored by The Marcellus Institute at Mansfield University.

One of the most important aspects of any job is being able to keep the worksite safe. Kinney will explain why risk management and job site safety is not only necessary at a natural gas site but also requires total involvement and participation from all individuals.

Kinney will also explain how to assess the job site, recognize that there are certain hazards that cannot be avoided, and that such hazards must be mitigated using the hierarchy of controls in order to ensure a safe and productive worksite. Throughout the presentation, Kinney will share examples of how and when safety training has been implemented into a worksite.

Light refreshments will be provided at the presentation.

The Shale Speakers Series is sponsored by The Marcellus Institute at Mansfield University. For more information, go to [mansfield.edu/marcellus-institute/](http://mansfield.edu/marcellus-institute/)

# Budget presentation held: Outlook for Mansfield University

By **KATIE CRANE**  
*News Editor*

President Francis Hendrix, John Adams, Vice President of Finance and Administration, Mindy Engal, Executive Director of The Foundation and Joe Maresco, President of the Board of Directors spoke and the budget Tuesday February 4.

Adams started the presentation explaining the shortfall of last year and the ways the university tried to save money. There was a six million dollar deficit and it was predicted that there would be an 8.3 million dollar deficit if nothing were done.

In order to reduce the debt, the university reduced the amount of staff. These reductions saved 375 thousand dollars. Currently, 19 staff and 19 faculty members have been retrenched. This is less than the original number. When asked why he took people off of the retrenchment list, President Hendrix said, “I heard from the students and those in the different programs and this is where we need to be. I’m betting on us.”

The university also cut down on programs like operating costs in the library and graduation assistance among other things. The projected shortfall for this year is \$4,033,577.

There are nine million dollars available in the reserves. To pay off this year and next year would leave the university with about one million dollars left in reserves if nothing changes which will not help sustain the university. There have been focused efforts with

groups like The Strategic Budget Committee headed by Adams, The Survey Review Team with Dean of Students, Dr. Chris Bridges and The Foundation.

The Foundation was established in May 1974 and was chartered as a separate, 501(c) (3) tax-exempt not-for-profit organization. Their website says, “as the official foundation of the university, we partner with donors in their philanthropic efforts to support the strategic direction of Mansfield University to build a greater Mansfield University for future generations of Mounties.”

This is the organization in charge of running the phonathon that hires student callers every semester.

The Foundation was able to raise \$742,744. This is the highest amount in six years. The money was raised in three major categories: unrestricted, temporarily restricted and restricted. Unrestricted funds can be used as The Foundation and the university sees fit. Temporarily restricted funds include certain events and once those events are over, the money left becomes unrestricted. Restricted funds have to be spent the way the donor wants it spent.

“The donors want more control,” Engel said.

“If a donor says that they want their money to go towards a scholarship for female student from Potter County then we can’t give the money to a female from Tioga County,” Maresco said.

President Hendrix has tried to work with elected officials in Harrisburg about budgeting and funding. “The state needs to recognize that we have an issue and cannot sustain on the path that we’re on now,” President Hendrix said. “What they’ve asked us to do is cut off our leg and eat it.”

The President is focusing on showing lawmakers that students, alumni and faculty are giving back and not just financially. The university wants to “capture the excellence” that is Mansfield University with the mention of students student teaching in Alaska this semester.

President Hendrix remains optimistic about the future of Mansfield University. “This is our university and we control the destiny.”

There are several ways to contact The Foundation to make a donation to the university.

Online: at [mansfield.edu/support-mu](http://mansfield.edu/support-mu). You can click on a link to pay online.

By Phone: 570.662.4852 You can provide your credit card information over the phone. The Foundation’s promise to you: when you call, you will have a real-live human voice on the other end.

By mail:  
MU Foundation  
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Mansfield, PA 16933  
When making a gift by check, please remember to indicate the purpose of your gift



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Dr. Joe Maresco, now The President of the Board of Directors was the Vice President of Student Affairs

on the memo line. Checks should be made payable and mailed to Mansfield University Foundation.

Students, faculty, staff and alumni are especially encouraged to donate.

“I give now and continue to give because I think it is important,” Maresco said. “Most of us are alumni and are where we are because of Mansfield University.”

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
6 -8:00-10:00 PM BSU Film Series: Hidden Colors (307 Alumni)	7	8 -1:00 PM Women's Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Cheyney University  -3:00 PM Men's Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Cheyney University	9 -2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Alissa Rose and Nancy Boston, Faculty Voice Recital	10 -11:00 AM - 2:00 PM ON-CAMPUS RE-CRUITER: Frito Lay/ PepsiCo (Alumni 2nd floor)	11 -12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (North Hall)  -6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bible Study (North Hall)  -8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study (312 Alumni)	12 -5:30 PM Women's Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Millersville University  -7:30 PM Men's Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Millersville University
13 -8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Small Business Development Center (G12 Alumni)  -6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Shale Speaker Series	14 -6:00PM Valentine's Day Dinner (North Manser)	15 - 1:00 PM Women's Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Lock Haven University  3:00 PM Men's Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Lock Haven University	16 -2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Orchestra Concert  -7:00 PM - 9:00 PM "Winterreise" Dr. Todd E. Ranney, Faculty Voice Recital	17 -Last day to Complete 'Credit by Exam'  -Start Day Admissions: Faculty & Staff Postcard Campaign (Multi-Day Event)	18 -12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (North Hall)  -6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bible Study (North Hall)  -8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study (312 Alumni)	19 -5:30 PM Women's Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Shippensburg University  -7:30 PM Men's Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Shippensburg University



# Einstein Brothers' Bagel Shop expected to open tomorrow

By NICK DOAN  
Flashlight Writer



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Einstein Bros. was created by a chain restaurant corporation Boston Chicken (now Boston Market) in 1995, as a way to market breakfast foods.

Einstein Bros bagel shop is expected to open this Friday in the new Spruce building.

The restaurant was originally set to open earlier in the week, but according to Chuck Colby, who works in student life and is overseeing the Einstein Bros project, there was a problem with one of the refrigerator/freezer units. The opening had to be delayed, and now Mr. Colby says they hope to open in the afternoon on Friday February 7. The refrigeration problem was "a big issue" said Mr. Colby, "but we got the clinic open." The clinic is also located in spruce and has been open since the first week of the semester.

Einstein Bros is a national franchise that has locations in schools, airports, hospitals, and shopping centers all around America. According to Bonnie Phelps, a Student Life official, the bagel shop will be open to the public, as well as students. Students will only be able to pay using Flex dollars or actual cash, because, according to officials at Student Life, there will be no meal equivalency plan for Einstein Bros food. "It is an extra," Mr. Colby said, "and a very nice one."

Mr. Colby was unsure about how much

the restaurant will ultimately cost. According to him, Sodexo, who supplies a lot of the food services at Mansfield University, would have that information. He also said that Mansfield University is bearing most of the cost, but expects the restaurant to pay for its self quickly. "Students seem to like the café," he said referring to Jazzmen's, "I'm expecting they will like this one too."

The location is less than ideal according to Mr. Colby, who said that it would be "more ideal in Sycamore." Sycamore a more central location than Spruce, making it the better choice. However, Spruce is larger than Sycamore, and has almost twice as much room for the bagel shop as Sycamore. The bagel shop is located on the ground floor of Spruce.

The hours of operation for Einstein Bros have yet to be determined. "The hours are the most uncertain thing," Mr. Colby said. The hours will probably start out the same as Jazzmen's, but may change based on when students seem most interested in eating there. There have been rumors going around campus that there will be a soft opening featuring free bagels. Mr. Colby said that this is probably true, however neither he nor others who work at Student Life were able to confirm these rumors.

# Alumni Postcard Campaign to run through April



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Students, faculty and alumni are all highlighted during the alumni postcard campaign this semester.

By CHELSEA SIMMERS  
Flashlight Writer

The Alumni Postcard Campaign is being held again this year on the Mansfield

University campus headed by Casey Wood, Director of Admissions Programming and Marketing.

The postcard campaign is to help establish touch points with students who are applying

or have already been accepted to Mansfield University.

Through three different campaigns (alumni, faculty, and student), they use the postcards created in each campaign to send

out to these prospective students. Wood even uses the postcards to connect the profession or major of the alumni, faculty, and students with those of the prospective students.

"The postcard campaign is about continuous touch points with perspective students," Wood said.

It has been an active and successful campaign for the past few years and participation of Spring 2014 has more than doubled compared to previous semesters. Right now they have over 355 postcards to distribute.

"This is also to help future students see that once you're a mountie, you're always a mountie," Audriana Marmuscak, Alumni Admissions Liaison, said.

For those interested in helping with this project, Wood advises people to keep an eye out for the workshops. They will include a brief overview of what the campaign is all about, a few sample writing from past postcard campaigns, and then those who attend can create and complete their own postcard.

February is the alumni campaign, March is the faculty campaign, and April will be when the students campaign will be held.

Hoefer does hammer time

Paging Doctor Mountie:  
Sticking to Your New Year's Resolution

By **KATIE CRANE**  
*News Editor*

One Mansfield University student holds the national champion title for the hammer throw.

Junior Jenna Hoefer was a student at Mohawk Valley Community College in New York when she was named national champion. She is now a Mansfield University student athlete. Her events include the weight throw for indoor track and the hammer throw for outdoor track.

"A lot of people don't really know about the throwing events," Hoefer said.

Weight throwing involves throwing a 20 pound ball with a D-ring or triangle handle attached by a short chain. The thrower spins three times. During hammer throwing, the thrower spins four times. The ball is a little heavier weighing 28 pounds with a long cord attached. For both events, the distance thrown is measured and recorded. The one who throws the farthest wins.

Hoefer's win added points needed for the Mohawk Valley Community College Women's Track and Field team to win the National Title last year.

"All the field events are just as important as the running events," Hoefer said.

Jenna Hoefer began running track her sophomore year of high school at Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park, New York. A few months later, she encountered a hip problem which limited her running. She has had two hip surgeries just this past summer as




PHOTO BY KATIE CRANE

Jenna Hoefer has a major in criminal justice and a minor in psychology.



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Hoefer has a personal best of 13.40 meters in the weight-throw.

well. Instead of quitting what she loved, she began to throw and was a member of Mohawk Valley's Track and Field Team within a few years.

Hoefer is not allowing her success end with the win at Mohawk Valley.

"My goal for this season was to qualify for the Indoor Conference,"

Hoefer achieved this goal Saturday February 1. The PSAC conference accepts only certain athletes that meet the qualifications each year. It is the championship before nationals.

In order to be ready for the conference, Hoefer has to continue practicing as she has all semester and before. Mondays, the team does sprints. Tuesdays and Thursdays they do olympic lifting which is lifting, but with more technique. Wednesdays they do cardio. Fridays they have pre-meet practices and Saturdays are for meets.

As of now, there is no throwing coach. Head Coach Mike Rohl continues to educate himself and work with Hoefer to continue her growth. Hoefer is now training a teammate on throwing, though this is difficult.

"In order to throw we need a cage and the university does not have one. The balls make holes in the football field, so I'm not allowed to practice there," Hoefer said. "I usually practice in [Kelchner Fitness Center] with a lighter, softer ball to work on my technique."

Another difficulty that Hoefer has to face is the pressure of being a student athlete. "It's hard trying to keep up with work, but as long as you stay on top of things and stay focused, it will all work out."

Hoefer noted her dad as one of her inspirations to keep moving forward. "He supports me so much and tries to learn as much as he can to help me."

By **TRACY SOMERVILLE**  
*Flashlight Contributor*

What Resolutions did you make this year, or did you even make one at all? Statistics show that forty-five percent of Americans make resolutions every year. Thirty-eight percent of those resolutions are to become healthier and to lose weight.

On the down side, only thirty-nine percent of adults actually keep their resolutions. Perhaps you are in the thirty-eight percent that's determined to live healthier. As a college student that may be difficult when it comes to budgeting your time between work, school, and friends.

Have no fear; there are many simple things you can do without compromising your time schedule.

The first step college students can do is to take the steps instead of an elevator. Not only are you burning twice the amount of calories as you do when you walk, but you are also saving yourself time.

On average you can burn nine calories per minute of walking up stairs. Next time you have the opportunity to take an elevator or the stairs, pick the stairs. It's a mini workout that is simple and will save you time.

Taking the stairs may benefit your health, but that's not going to get you looking good in a bathing suit by summer. Eating healthy will give you more energy and also help you lose weight.

Doctors recommend that females should not eat less than 1,200 calories a day and males should not eat below 1,500 calories. Eating too little can be unhealthy as well, so be careful not to overdo the dieting. Try to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into your diet as well as lean meat.

Reward yourself once in a while with your favorite dessert. This will allow you to keep on track with your diet without going crazy.

Dieting can be hard so don't go at it alone. Find a friend who will go through it with you so that you can support each other.

Having a friend to share your healthy living with is the final step. Together you can keep each other accountable and be each other's support. Going to the gym together can allow you to hang out as well as get a good work out in.

Join some of the classes that Kelchner has to offer to keep your workouts diverse and fun. In the spring you can rent bikes and go for a ride together for some much needed study breaks. Mansfield also offers intramural sports that you and your friend can sign up for.

There are lots of options; all you have to do is find what works for you. Staying healthy doesn't have to be hard, all you have to do is stick with it and you can be one of the thirty-nine percent that keeps their resolution this year.

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# Book Review: *Red Storm Rising* by Tom Clancy



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Clancy died on October 1, 2013, of an undisclosed illness at Johns Hopkins Hospital, near his Baltimore home.

By **DAN MASON**  
*Flashlight Advisor*

Some Soviet Muslims destroy the Soviet Union's largest petroleum complex. The Soviet Union, not trusting the west not to take advantage of their calamity, attacks western Europe to increase the likelihood of success of their subsequent attack into the oil fields of the middle east.

Clancy tells a riveting story replete with history, ancient technology and more characters than a normal person can keep track of.

I have read this book several times. I needed something fat to read over break and this seemed like a good choice. It is my favorite Clancy book. It does not feature Jack Ryan, the super-spy turned president, who stars in Clancy's series of thrillers, but there is a Ryan-esque character who repeatedly saves the day.

Since the downfall of the Soviet Union more than 20 years ago, a lot of the politics of this book is obsolete. It does offer more than

a glimpse of what life was like in both the US and the USSR during the Cold War. Clancy shows how the nations distrusted each other and how this distrust could have lead to disaster. Naturally he shows the US in a more sympathetic light, but the concerns of the Soviet era leaders are completely believable. It is not implausible to think that the US, during the Reagan era, would have taken advantage of a seriously wounded Soviet Union to remove that super power a couple years earlier.

I enjoyed the look back at the history of the times. I liked reading about the war being fought with what is now ancient technology. I enjoyed the sympathetic characters on both sides. I appreciated again how the men on either side could work for peace while the governments found it nearly impossible.

Maybe there is a lesson here for today. Maybe the honorable men and women of the Middle East can eventually reach some sort of accord among themselves, if only governments will get out of the way.

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# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"



## Student Government Association: "Students serving themselves"?



By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

I feel I would be doing a disservice to the campus community if I did not voice my concern on the massive influx of athlete senators into SGA this week.

I think Dr. Bridges said it best during the meeting on Tuesday: isn't it just odd that all of these athletes are joining SGA at the exact moment the athletics program might get a funding cut?

Treasurer Jason White

mentioned in the meeting that when athlete Anthony Renz handed his application in, Renz said two words, "Coach's orders." All athletes had neglected to mention this during their interview process.

Isn't that odd?

I find it intriguing how, during the discussion of the budget procedure proposal, senator Tori Malatesta made a motion to return all \$277,000 which was proposed to be cut from athletics. She neglected to show any sympathy for the music department, student

activities office, and Kelchner Fitness Center – all of which were also facing reductions in funding. Malatesta is an athlete.

Isn't that odd?

In big text on the main SGA page on the Mansfield University website it says, "The Mansfield University Student Government Association was created by and for the students. Our mission is for students to serve students. This association conducts its business and engages in projects that are dedicated to advancing the overall quality of the total learning experience."

Senators such as Malatesta are not performing their obligations to the campus community. Senators should be "students serving students." It would appear it is "students serving themselves."

How can one say they are "advancing the overall quality of the total learning experience" when they show only concern for their own department, and not for the rest of the campus? Sense of entitlement does not equal fairness and equity.

Out of the 17 applying applicants, the overwhelming majority of them were athletes. 16 of these students were accepted into SGA.

If you missed the process for the new senators, here's a brief yet thorough overview: "I'm a leader. I'm a leader. I'm a leader. Manser

food sucks. I'm a leader."

Isn't that odd?

I do not wish to take the merit away from those that actually deserve to be a part of SGA, because I fully believe that some of the applicants deserve their position. But, again, I feel I would be doing a disservice otherwise.

I appreciate that there can be a passion when you're being threatened. The athletes are showing passion now, and it wasn't too long ago that the rest of us were showing this very same passion when the news of retrenchments was still very much in the foreground.

It will be interesting to see how the rest of the semester plays out. The discussion of a new budget procedure will soon enough be behind us. Will this new "Athletic Caucus" continue to prove they're "leaders" when the issue that directly affects them is no longer being discussed? Will they still have the drive and motivation to attend each Tuesday meeting, even if they all last almost five hours as this one did?

I urge all senators, both old and new, to take into consideration all students when making decisions. This was not done when the new budget procedure was voted down, and it seems evident it is because people did not understand it.

The senators have an obligation to this campus. I expect to see them fulfill it.

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## A reflection on my first Student Government Association meeting

By **CHELSEA SIMMERS**  
*Staff Writer*

Walking in on the Student Government meeting Tuesday night at 7pm, I was anything but prepared for what I was about to see.

I had applied a week ago to become a House Representative for WNTE, Mansfield University's radio station, and was expected to plea my case that night to the board members. I was quite surprised to enter the room fifteen

minutes early to a full house; board members at the front and the "audience" filling to the back wall of Alumni 307.

As they went on to discuss budget cuts and even later when the applicants were each going up to speak, I began to learn why. The room was bursting at the seams with the athletics department faculty and students, both in audience and running for senate positions.

They expressed their concerns

with the budget cuts when the members began debating it through whispers and subtle noises to indicate their approval or disapproval.

One person sitting near me remarked, "he's putting words in her mouth," when in fact the particular SGA member was simply stating guidelines. I feel that people see the red font and the negative signs next to a lot of numbers and immediately go on the defense.

Last semester there was such a stress, from faculty and students

alike, that we need to cut budgets to save professors. But now people are up in arms because \$777,000 would be cut down by \$77,000 (a higher number that they negotiated into the presentation as the debates went on).

Are these the same people that went to Harrisburg, clinging to memos from President Hendricks, calling it a victory any time a name was taken off the retrenchment list, standing in the cold outside of Straughn waiting for the Chancellor to arrive?





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# Women's basketball drop two more against West Chester and East Stroudsburg

By **DAVID BARR**  
*Sports Editor*

Despite being down by a point at the half, Mansfield couldn't keep up with East Stroudsburg University (ESU) on January 29. ESU broke open a close game in the second half, outscoring Mansfield 46-29 to walk away with a 67-49 win.

Jenna Matter had a game-high 20 rebounds, 13 on the defensive side. Those 20 rebounds, along with her team-high 17 points gave her her seventh double-double of the season. Katie Fitzpatrick had 13 points for Mansfield, but it wasn't enough, as ESU's Allison Howard recorded a game-high 25 points, 13 coming in the second half.

Mansfield traveled to West Chester on Saturday February 1, looking for its first win of the season. Despite a combined 43 points from Matter and Fitzpatrick, WCU handed Mansfield a 92-62 defeat to keep the Mounties winless on the season. Fitzpatrick had a game- and team-high 23 points and Matter had 20 points, but WCU's Dallas Ely also had 23 points to lead the Rams in scoring.

Megan McSwain, Alyssa DeRichie, and Maria Kelleher all made two three-pointers to contribute six points apiece for Mansfield.

WCU held a 48-34 lead at the break and continued to pile on the points in the second half, scoring another 44.

Mansfield takes on Cheyney at 1:00 this Saturday at home.



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Jenna Matter needs 13 points to reach the 1,000-point milestone in her career.

# Men's basketball comes up short against ESU and WCU

By **TOM PASSMORE**  
*Sports Writer*

The Mountaineer men's basketball team had two tough losses this week falling to undefeated 6th-ranked East Stroudsburg and West Chester University.

The Mountaineers played a valiant first half against the number-6 team in the country. The team came out with fire and the will to put on a show at the start of the game. In the first half, Mansfield shot 58% from the field while holding East Stroudsburg to only 38% shooting and led for almost the entire first half. The second half however, was a different story.

With Mansfield leading 40-37 at the break, both teams traded baskets at the start of the second half with the score reaching 50-50 with 15:15 left in the game. East Stroudsburg would go on a 17-0 run after this stretch however, blowing the Mounties out in the second half 75-39. East Stroudsburg would shoot 65% from the field in the second half while scoring 27 points on 14 Mansfield turnovers and win the game 112-79. The high scorer for Mansfield was Joe Bell with 17 points and nine rebounds. Bell was one of four Mountaineers players to record double-digit points. Onyema Utti had 15 points and five rebounds, Charles Pemberton had 14 points, and Ryan Krawczeniuk had 10 points.

Mansfield would be away from Decker Gym in their next game against West Chester University. Mansfield would jump out to an early lead, and shoot 58% in the first half, but again, turnovers would hurt Mansfield in the first half. Mansfield committed 14 turnovers in the first half, surrendering a 49-40 lead to West Chester at intermission.

Both teams would struggle with their shooting in the second half as both teams shot 40%. Mansfield would pull within two points at multiple times in the game, the latest coming with 3:43 remaining on a layup by Charles Beacoats, who had 16 in the game, and a foul by West Chester defender Shannon Givens. Mansfield's rally would come up short however, as they couldn't get over the hump and lost 86-77 to West Chester. Joe Bell scored a game high 21 for Mansfield. Three other Mounties scored double digit points against the Golden Rams. Charles Beacoats and Charles Pemberton both had 16 points and Brady Burke had 10 points in the contest.

Next, Mansfield takes its 4-16 record in to battle with Kutztown on a game originally scheduled for February 5th, but was changed due to inclement weather to tonight February 6.



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Pemberton had 16 points against WCU.



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## Mounties have strong showing at Kane Invite

By **DAVID BARR**  
*Sports Editor*

The men and women's 4x800 teams led an impressive day for Mansfield at the Kane Invite.

Both teams took first place in their respective races. The women's team consisted of Lauren Norton, Jess and Kristy Scordino, and Melanie Hilliard. They finished with a winning time of 9:57.19. On the men's side, Mike Robinson, Jacob Portock, Joelsen Resimo, and Benjamin Drexler won their race with a time of 7:58.30.

Other impressive runs from Mansfield athletes included Jess Scordino earning a third place finish in the mile run with a time of 5:04.94. Scordino was the highest finishing Division II runner. The women's 4x400 relay team of Melissa Cruz, Allison Macon, Melanie Hartley, and Michaela Lambert finished second with a time of 4:04.91. Cruz also took second place in the 500 meters with a time of 1:20.15.

Senior Jenna Hoefer qualified for PSACs in the women's weight throw after recording a toss of 40' 1.5", which was good enough for eighth place. Finally, Jesse Jones recorded a top-five finish in the 5000 meters with a time of 15:36.13.

The day before at the Bison Open, the men's Distance Medley Relay of Mike Robinson, Bob McCoy, Jacob Portock, and Joelsen Resimo finished third after posting a time of 10:14.09. The women's Distance Medley Relay team of Kristy Scordino, Michaela Lambert, Melissa Cruz, and Lauren Norton set a record after finishing second with a time of 12:13.75.

The DMR team set a new school record for the fastest time by a Mansfield women's DMR team. The previous record of 12:16.90 was set in 2010 by Brenae Edwards, Clarissa Cummings, Erica Ferguson, and Alexa Tsiknas. The men's DMR team finished third with a time of 10:14.09.

On January 25, Mansfield participated in the SPIRE North Coast Indoor Track and Field Open. Three Mountaineers runners earned provisional qualifying berths in the NCAA while nine earned PSAC qualifying times.

Mike Robinson was the first of the three Mounties to qualify for NCAAAs. Robinson won the men's 800 meters race with a time of 1:52.90. His time was the 10th fastest in NCAA Division II.

Three other Mountaineers rounded out the top 10 behind Robinson. Jake Portock, Joelsen Resimo, and Benjamin Drexler were eighth through tenth with times of 1:58.67, 1:59.46, and 1:59.79, respectively. Portock's time was good enough to qualify him for PSACs.

The second Mountaineer to qualify for NCAAAs was Jess Scordino. She finished third in the 3,000 meters relay with a time of 10:01.81. Also in the 3,000 meters race was Lauren Norton. Norton was the third and final Mountaineer to qualify for the NCAAAs. Norton finished sixth with a time of 10:03.78.

Kristy Scordino and Lauren Norton both placed among the top six finishers in the mile relay. Scordino finished in fourth with a time of 5:17.21. Norton finished sixth with a time of 5:19.32.

Melissa Cruz and Allison Macon both had top-five fin-



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Joelsen Resimo (10) helped the men's 4x800 team to a first place finish at the Kane Invitational.

ishes in the women's 800 meter relay. Cruz finished third with a time of 2:20.52 and Macon took fifth with a time of 2:24.49.

Finally, Alexis Tsiknas earned runner-up honors in the pole vault event. Tsiknas recorded a jump of 3.2 meters.

The next track and field event for Mansfield is this weekend at the New Balance Invitational.

## Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
6	7 -Women's Track and Field vs New Balance Invitational -Men's Track and Field vs New Balance Invitational	8 -Women's Basketball vs. Cheyney 1:00 p.m. -Men's Basketball vs. Cheyney 3:00 p.m. -Men and Women's Track and Field vs New Balance Invitational	9	10	11	12 -Women's Basketball @ Millersville 6:00 p.m. -Men's Basketball @ Millersville 8:00 p.m.
13	14	15 -Women's Basketball vs. Lock Haven 1:00 p.m. -Men's Basketball vs. Lock Haven 3:00 p.m. -Men and Women's Track and Field at Ithaca Invitational	16	17	18	19 -Men's Basketball @ Shippensburg 6:00 p.m. -Women's Basketball @ Shippensburg 8:00 p.m.



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## Senior Transitions Conference to occur at the end of March for 2014 graduates

By KATIE CRANE  
*News Editor*

Mansfield University seniors are encouraged to register for the Senior Transitions Conference which occurs March 29 through March 30 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Students can register for the conference by visiting <http://career.mansfield.edu/conference>. Here, students will have to fill out an application that asks basic questions like name, major and ID number.

Registration ends Friday February 28.

Hotel accommodations are included with your registration. If you did not include a roommate preference on your registration form, you will be assigned at least one, but up to 3 roommates. To update your roommate preferences, please contact Donna Miner at [dmilicev@mansfield.edu](mailto:dmilicev@mansfield.edu) no later than February 28, 2014.

Transportation will be provided. A coach bus is scheduled to transport students to and from the conference. Information on location and time of departure from campus will be announced.

Conference attire will be business professional. For information on appropriate business professional attire, refer to <http://career.mansfield.edu/upload/Professional-Dress-Handout.pdf>.

Meals that are included for the conference are as follows: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches and light snacks will be provided over the course of the conference. Students are responsible for their own dinners on Saturday March 29. Transportation options to downtown Harrisburg will be available or you may stay at the hotel restaurant.

There is limited space. If you are unable to attend the conference, please contact Donna Miner at [dmilicev@mansfield.edu](mailto:dmilicev@mansfield.edu)

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or 570-662-4342 as soon as possible. This is so that another interested student may have the opportunity to attend. If you are registered, but do not attend and do not

cancel your registration by March 14, 2014, your student account will be charged for the full registration cost of \$50.00.

Questions can be directed to Donna

Miner at [dmilicev@mansfield.edu](mailto:dmilicev@mansfield.edu) or 570-662-4342.

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Weekly  
Weather

## Thursday

PM  
Snow  
Showers

High:34 Low:20

## FRIDAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High:35 Low:12

## SATURDAY

Few  
Snow  
Showers

High:24 Low:-3

## SUNDAY

Partly  
Cloudy

High:23 Low:-9

## MONDAY

Mostly  
Cloudy

High:31 Low:22

## TUESDAY

Rain/  
Snow  
Showers

High:38 Low:22

## WEDNESDAY



Cloudy

High:41 Low:22

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Campus Bulletin Board

- The Mansfield Chamber of Commerce will offer express bus service to Philadelphia for Mansfield University students during the Spring Break through a charter service with Susquehanna Trailways. Through this express service, students can arrive in Philadelphia in 4.5 hours (as opposed to the typical 8 hour bus route).

Single trip tickets can be purchased for \$90.00/person or \$98.00/person if purchased two weeks prior to the departure date.

The bus will leave Mansfield University's Alumni Hall parking lot at 12:00pm on Friday, March 14th. The bus will leave the Philadelphia Greyhound Station to return to Mansfield University at 12:00pm on Sunday, March 23rd.

The Mansfield Chamber of Commerce will sell express bus tickets on February 25th and March 4th from 11:30am-1:30pm on campus at a table located outside the Alumni Hall bookstore.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office located at 51B South Main Street Mondays-Fridays between 9am-2:30pm. Please plan to purchase your Express Bus ticket for Spring Break by March 4th.

- The Mansfield University Office of Admissions will be hosting a Visit Day program on Monday, February 17th. Please be aware that parking in the Alumni/South Hall Parking Lot, and a portion of Lot D, will be reserved for our Visit Day guests between the hours of 4:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Regular parking availability will resume at 3:00 p.m. Thank you for your support of our recruitment programming.

- Valentine's Day Carnation Sale! Prices: 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00!

Look for the Valentine's carnation sale in Lower Manser on Thursday, February 13th and Friday, February 14th!

All proceeds to Center for Exceptional Children (CEC).

Thank you for your support.

- Frederick Douglass Institute Tour of Washington, D.C., March 14 - 16, 2014

The annual trip to Mr. Douglass' home on Cedar Hill in Anacostia D.C. is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and friends to learn more of his very personal and private home life. You will also be able to visit Great Blacks in Wax, Ben's Chili Bowl, Uncle Tom's Cabin - Josiah Henson's House, Arlington National Cemetery, and other D.C. monuments and museums.

Estimated cost: \$225 per person (double occupancy). Interested students and organizations may contact Alan Zellner [ezellner@mansfield.edu](mailto:ezellner@mansfield.edu).

- The THIS Internship gives students the opportunity to work at a state agency office in Harrisburg for a full semester and receive academic credit as well as a stipend of approximately \$6,500. The application deadline for the Fall 2014 Harrisburg Internship Semester is February 17th.

The internship provides an outstanding undergraduate student the chance to earn 15 credits while working with senior state government executives and legislators in Harrisburg. Applicants must be of junior or senior status and have a QPA of 3.0 or better. Applicants must submit a letter of interest, two letters of recommendation from faculty members, a sample of their best writing and a current evaluation record or degree audit to Dr. Lee Wright 218 Allen Hall. For more information call 4787. You can also visit the THIS internship site @ <http://www.passhe.edu/inside/asa/Opportunities/this/Pages/default.aspx>

## POLICE BEAT

- **Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -**

-2/10/14- At approximately 8:30 a.m., MU police handled an accident in the Steadman lot between a University vehicle and a student's vehicle. There were no injuries and both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene.

-2/10/14- Unknown individual(s) removed a travel mug from behind

the gate at Jazzman's Café. This incident occurred while they were closed. Value of the travel mug is \$9.99.

-2/9/14- At approximately 12:30 p.m., a victim of a hit-and-run reported that someone had struck and cracked the drivers side rear bumper of his black Ford Mustang.

-2/9/14- Police received a report of a fight in progress on the 4th floor north wing of Spruce Residence Hall. Police arrived on scene finding no one in the area.

## World News



Headlines from across the planet  
*Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com*

-2/12/14- Retired lawyer killed after package sent to home explodes

- John Setzer, 74, died after a package exploded in his house

- Former law partner: Setzer was a public servant who specialized in civil cases

- Neighbors say they are nervous to check their mailboxes

- An \$8,000 reward has been established for information in the case

-2/12/14- Senate passes debt-ceiling plan in blow to tea party

- Senate approves measure to repeal cuts to military pension benefits

- 12 Republicans join Democrats to defeat a filibuster bid by Sen. Ted Cruz

- Under the measure, no debt ceiling showdown until 2015 at the earliest

- It now goes to President Obama because the House passed it Tuesday

-2/12/14- Rights groups warn of ethnic cleansing of Muslims in Central African Republic

- Head of U.N. refugee agency 'deeply distressed'

- Amnesty International says peacekeepers have failed to prevent ethnic cleansing

- Violence has led to a "Muslim exodus of historic proportions," says the rights group

- Christian and Muslim militia groups are warring in the Central African Republic



# BSU to continue film series for Black History Month



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Robert W. Butler of the Kansas City Star was quoted in a movie review. "You will stand up and cheer."

By **KATIE CRANE**  
News Editor

The Black Students Union will continue their weekly film series for Black History Month.

Tonight marks the second film day of the month. *The Great Debaters* will be shown at 8 p.m. in Alumni 317.

*The Great Debaters* is based on a true story about, Melvin Beaunorus Tolson, an African American English professor, who helped to mold students from Wiley College into a notable debate team. His value of knowledge pushed him to train those from the small east Texas college into "great debaters" while pushing the limits of Jim Crow laws in the 1930s.

Tolson was born February 6, 1898 in Moberly, Missouri. He is known as one of the most significant African American modernist poets of his time.

Tolson Enrolled at Fisk University in the 1920s, but transferred to Lincoln University, where he completed a bachelor's degree in 1924. After graduating, he began an English and Speech instructor at Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. Tolson also served as the football coach, play director, and speech and debate coach. Under his direction, Wiley's speech and debate team maintained a ten year winning streak between 1929 and 1939. In 1935 the team won a National Championship over the University of Southern California (USC).

In 1930, Tolson took time away from teaching and coaching pursue a master's

degree at Columbia University in New York City. Tolson resumed his position at Wiley in 1931, but completed his Master's degree. After interviewing significant artists of the Harlem Renaissance for his Master's thesis, Tolson was inspired to write poetry exploring the African American urban experience. His poetry began appearing in newspapers like *The Washington, D.C. Tribune* in the 1930s. Tolson's first book of poetry, *Rendezvous with America*, was published in 1944.

Soon, Tolson began working at Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma in 1947. During that same year, he was appointed the Poet Laureate of Liberia, which inspired his second poetry book. *Libretto* for the Republic of Liberia, honored the centennial of Liberia's founding. It was published in 1953. In addition to his professional work, Tolson served two consecutive terms as Mayor of Langston, Oklahoma from 1954 to 1960. Tolson's final poetry book, *Harlem Gallery*, helped establish him as a widely recognized modernist poet.

Melvin B. Tolson died after undergoing surgery for cancer on August 29, 1966.

Tolson is portrayed by actor Denzel Washington who is also the director of the film. Other actors include Denzel Whitaker, Forest Whitaker, Nate Parker and Jurnee Smollett.

Next week, *How Racist Are You?* will be shown and February 27 will be *Mississippi Burning*.

# Mansfield University students mobilize to help community after snow storm



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY DAY

The "Operation Snowflake" crew in action. (L-R) Chelsea Smith, Courtney Ditchey, Kelsy Woodman, Ben Rosenberger, Frank Crofchick, Holly Dewey, Joseph Jordan, Brianna Dion, Katelyn Lenhart.

Before the snow started to fall on Wednesday, February 5, the Mansfield University Community Service Club prepared to mobilize and help people in the Mansfield area who needed help clearing snow from their driveways and sidewalks.

Dubbed "Operation Snowflake," members of the club plus Advisor Frank Crofchick, Community Conduct officer and Student Life Service coordinator at MU, gathered Wednesday morning and headed into the borough, clearing snow for elderly and disabled residents.

After they finished, MU President Fran Hendricks and his wife Connie hosted the "Operation Snowflake" crew for hot chocolate and lunch.

"This is a great example of our creed--

Character, Scholarship, Culture and Service--in action," Hendricks said. "I'm very proud of the Community Service Club and the difference it's already making on campus and in our community."

Founded by Crofchick last fall, the club meets weekly to discuss and plan projects on campus and off.

The students who participated in "Operation Snowflake" were Holly Dewey and Joseph Jordan, co-chairs, Kelsy Woodman, Ben Rosenberger, Chelsea Smith, Brianna Dion, Courtney Ditchey and Katelyn Lenhart.

For more information on the Community Service Club and community and volunteer services at MU, go to [mansfield.edu/community-service2/](http://mansfield.edu/community-service2/)

# Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra Concert to Perform Winter Concert

The Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jeff Jacobsen, will perform its winter concert on Sunday, February 16 at 2:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations of winter clothing for My Neighbors Closet to help raise funds for educational projects sponsored by Partners in Progress in Mansfield will be accepted.

The concert will feature Joyeuse Marche and España by Emmanuel Chabrier and Starodávný from Six Lachian Dances by Leoš Janáček.

The program will also include Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns, which will be conducted by graduate student Julia Federico.

Jacobsen is associate professor of Music Education/String Specialist at MU. In addition to conducting the MU Symphony Orchestra, he serves as artistic director and conductor of the Binghamton (NY) Community Orchestra.

Jacobsen has conducted numerous All-State and All-Region Honor Orchestras as well as professional orchestras in Europe. He served

as the music director of the Orchestra of the Pines and director of Orchestral Activities and Opera at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Jacobsen founded the Blue Valley Chamber Orchestra and was a conductor for the Youth Symphony of Kansas City. He taught in the public schools of Kansas, Colorado, and Virginia. Jacobsen's ensembles have performed at state music conventions, and national and international music festivals. These same ensembles consistently earned highest ratings at competitive festivals and, at several, Jacobsen was named outstanding director.

He received the Mary Taylor Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching and was twice profiled on KCNC-TV's "Teachers Who Make a Difference." Jacobsen received the Teacher Recognition Award from the University of Kansas, and was named the Outstanding Orchestra Director for the Kansas Music Educators Association. He is listed in multiple editions of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and *Who's Who in America*.

The MU Symphony Orchestra is supported through Student Activities Fees.

# Student government discusses budgets and funding toward CCSI accounting



By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Student Government Association (SGA) Treasurer Jason White moved to allocate 5% of the total student activity fees to College Community Services, Inc. (CCSI) on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

CCSI and Mansfield University are two separate entities, according to Dean of Students Dr. Chris Bridges. The accounting branch of CCSI handles all financial accounting for SGA and each of the organizations SGA funds.

The campus bookstore used to make enough profits to fund CCSI accounting. However, due to students buying their textbooks and materials from off-campus locations like Amazon, the bookstore is no longer financially stable enough to fund CCSI

accounting.

Dr. Bridges said that a typical accounting firm would normally charge a 5% fee on the total monies it handles. SGA currently handles about \$2.1 million. 5% of that amount this academic year is \$105,000, and a stipulation is placed on the motion that any portion of this \$105,000 that exceeds CCSI’s operating costs would be returned to SGA. In other words, if 5% is more than CCSI needs, the excess will be returned.

The motion to fund CCSI with student activity fees was tabled until next week’s meeting. The proposal, if passed, will take place this academic year and become an annual fee in following years.

On top of paying almost \$1.5 million to Athletics, Music, Student Activities Office, Kelchner Fitness Center, and Residence Hall Association, SGA will also be paying \$75,000 to cover new student orientations (in addition to the aforementioned \$105,000 for CCSI).

Across 80 student organizations, this leaves about \$385,000, or an average of \$4,800 each. After subtracting an estimated \$50,000 for SGA and \$100,000 for Mansfield Activities Council, this leaves about \$235,000 – or about \$2,900 for each other organization.

“SGA is funding more organizations than previous years,” White said, “while having less money than previous years due to declining enrollment.”

Feb. 14 is the deadline for student organizations to submit necessary

documentation to SGA. Should organizations fail to do so, they will receive no funding for the 2014-15 academic year.

Student organization budgets for the 2014-15 academic year are due on Feb. 24. Each day the budget is late will impose a cumulative 10% cut.

Zane Swanger, Student Trustee to the Mansfield University Council of Trustees, announced that SGA executive board members should not receive stipends from the student activity fees.

“Why does a student need to collect money from other students,” Swanger said. “How can the paid executive board make smart decisions on behalf of the whole student body [while] receiving money from the same students they are serving?”

“In my fraternity, we say to always be your ‘brother’s keeper,” he said. “We don’t seek anything in return for the care or work we give. Shouldn’t the executive board be our ‘brother’s keeper’ as well?”

Swanger said he talked to students around campus and that there is a large number of students who disapprove of the SGA executive board being paid with student activity fees.

“I would advise any students who share this point of view to come to SGA meetings and voice those concerns,” President Joshua Gibson said.

According to the SGA bylaws, the executive board receives \$17,000 a semester – or \$34,000 each academic year. The president,

vice president, and treasurer each receive \$3,000 each semester. The parliamentarian, secretary, director of public relations, and director of information technology each receive \$2,000 each semester.

More information can be found in Article I of the SGA bylaws, which can be accessed from <http://www2.mansfield.edu/sga/resources.cfm>.

Six SGA applications were entertained. All were approved.

Katrina Ferry joined SGA as the Health Sciences Student Government Association house representative.

Jared Berken, Marquise Isaac-Rivers, Tracey LaFrance, Zachary Rossetti, and Anastacia Howard joined as senators.

The current number of voting members is now up to 42. No new applications are being accepted for the current academic year.

The Sisters of Sophia club gave a presentation about the reactivation of the organization. The organization is a group that empowers and encourages women, though all persons are free to join.

Sisters of Sophia plans to run events like “Operation Beautiful,” which is a poster campaign in which members post fliers around campus with inspiring and self-esteem-boosting content for women. Their documents will be reviewed by SGA administration and the reactivation of the club will be voted on next week.

The next SGA meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 18 in 307 Alumni Hall.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
13 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Small Business Development Center (G12 Alumni)  6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Shale Speaker Series	14 6:00PM Valentine’s Day Dinner (North Manser)	15 1:00 PM Women’s Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Lock Haven University  3:00 PM Men’s Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Lock Haven University	16 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Orchestra Concert  7:00 PM - 9:00 PM “Winterreise” Dr. Todd E. Ranney, Faculty Voice Recital	17 Last day to Complete ‘Credit by Exam’  Start Day Admissions: Faculty & Staff Postcard Campaign (Multi-Day Event)	18 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (North Hall)  6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bible Study (North Hall)  8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study (312 Alumni)	19 5:30 PM Women’s Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Shippensburg University  7:30 PM Men’s Basketball: Mountaineers vs. Shippensburg University
20 -6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Admissions Office hosts a Regional Reception in King of Prussia, PA	21	22 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Carly Bechdel and Amanda Coughenour, Junior Voice Recital  5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Danielle Murray, Senior Voice Recital	23 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Saxophone Studio Recital  3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Anna Buglio and Ian MacDonald, Junior Voice Recital	24 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM International Film Series @ MU :: Three Worlds	25 11:30 AM Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)  12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study	26 All Day Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)



# Mansfield University to host poetry event in Allen Hall

Mansfield University will host Poetry Out Loud event Saturday February 15.

Mansfield University and the English department will team up with the Bradford County Regional Arts Council to host Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest-- a poetry competition for high school students in grades 9-12. Poetry Out Loud will be held in Allen Hall, room 104, and will start at 12:30 p.m. These select students will be competing for the chance to advance to the state competition.

Poetry Out Loud is a national competition where high school students recite their poems to an audience while learning about great poetry, improving their public speaking skills, and building self-confidence. Every year, high schools throughout Pennsylvania are invited to compete in classrooms, school wide competitions, and regional competitions.

Winners of the regional Poetry Out Loud competition will win an all-expense paid trip to Harrisburg, Pa, to compete in the state finals. The winner of the state competition will receive \$200 and an all-expense paid trip

in April to Washington, D.C. and a \$500 stipend for their school in order to purchase poetry books. The state runner-ups will receive \$100 for themselves and \$200 for his or her school library. At the National Finals, the Poetry Out Loud winner will win a total of \$50,000 in scholarships and school stipends with at least \$20,000 in college scholarships.

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## Conference

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This conference is for students graduating in May, August and December 2014. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, March 29**
- 9:00-10:00am: Registration and Check-In
  - 10:00-10:20am: Welcome and Icebreaker Activity
  - 10:30-11:30am: Opening Keynote: Following Your Passion/Going Where the Opportunities Are (Ms. Megan O'Hare)
  - 11:45am-1:00pm: Lunch and Business/Dining Etiquette Presentation (Ms. Christina MacGill, Penn State University)
  - 1:15-2:15pm: Concurrent Sessions #1 (4 topics to choose from)
    - Session: Digging up DIRT on Your Co-Workers (Ms. Christina MacGill, Penn State University)
    - Session: Alternatives to the Workforce Panel (Ms. Lauren Wright, Lock Haven University; Mr. Ed Shiflett, Ms. Christy Lejkowski, Lock Haven University)
    - Session: Evaluating the Job Offer & Benefits Package (Mr. Jim Scott, CareerChoiceFirst)
    - Session: LinkedIn & Social Media (Dr. Michele Papakie)
  - 2:30-3:30pm: Concurrent Sessions #2 (4 topics to choose from)
    - Session: Finding Your Way Around a New Community Panel (Ms. Megan O'Hare; Mr. Raymond Roy-Pace, Birney Prep Academy; Mr. Tom Saveri, United Country Realty Pioneers)
    - Session: Repaying Student Loans (Ms. Rita Evans, PHEAA)
    - Session: Job Searching (Mr. John Snyder, Slippery Rock University)
    - Session: Your Finances, Your Future (Ms. Sara Walter, PSECU)
  - 3:45-4:45pm: Concurrent Sessions #3

- (4 topics to choose from)
  - Session: How to Brand Yourself (Ms. Pamela Weinberg)
  - Session: Repaying Student Loans (Ms. Rita Evans, PHEAA)
  - Session: Job Searching (Mr. John Snyder, Slippery Rock University)
  - Session: LinkedIn & Social Media (Dr. Michele Papakie)
- 5:00-5:45pm: How to Network (Ms. Barbara Nichols, Milton Hershey School)
- 5:45-6:30pm: Networking Social: "Nucl ear Networking: It will blow you away!"
- 6:45pm: Dinner on Your Own (busses to downtown Harrisburg may be available)
- After dinner: Free/Networking Time

- Sunday, March 30**
- Students will follow an individualized Sunday schedule.
  - 8:00-8:30am: Breakfast and Overview of the Day's Events
  - 9:00-Noon: Mock Interviews with Area Professionals
  - 9:00-9:45am: Concurrent Sessions #4
    - Session: Resumes that Get You to Work (Ms. Joan Welker, Lock Haven University)
  - Session: Interviewing Skills: What Employers are Looking For (Mr. Jeff Full, Fastenal)
  - 10:00-10:45am: Concurrent Sessions #5
    - Session: Resumes that Get You to Work (Ms. Joan Welker, Lock Haven University)
  - Session: Interviewing Skills: What Employers are Looking For (Mr. Jeff Full, Fastenal)
  - 11:00-11:45am: Concurrent Sessions #6
    - Session: Resumes that Get You to Work (Ms. Joan Welker, Lock Haven University)
  - Session: Interviewing Skills: What Employers are Looking For (Mr. Jeff Full, Fastenal)
  - Noon-1:30pm: Lunch and Keynote Speaker: The Dream Share Project
  - 1:30pm: Closing Remarks and Final Giveaways (must be present to win)
  - Mock Interview Volunteers: TBA

## Entertainment Corner

Billboard Top 200 Albums:

- 1.) **Frozen Soundtrack**
- 2.) **2014 Grammy Nominees - Various Artists**
- 3.) **Pure Heroine - Lorde**
- 4.) **Restoring Force - Of Mice & Men** —
- 5.) **Beyonce - Beyonce**



Top 5 Movies:

- 1.) **The LEGO Movie** —
- 2.) **Ride Along**
- 3.) **Frozen**
- 4.) **Lone Survivor** —
- 5.) **That Awkward Moment**



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# Book Review: *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman

By DAN MASON  
*Flashlight Advisor*

Gaiman prefaces his novel with this warning for the reader: ...all people living, dead and otherwise in this story are fictional or used in a fictional context. Only the Gods are real.

Shadow is finishing up a three year sentence in prison. When his wife dies in an automobile accident, Shadow is released early. He is recruited by a Mr. Wednesday as an assistant, with the understanding that he can bury his wife first.

The perceptive reader will recognize Gaiman's gambit with Mr. Wednesday. (The mid-day of the week is named for the Norse God, Odin. He was also known as Woden or Wotan. <http://www.indepthinfo.com/week-days/wednesday.shtml>) Wednesday introduces Shadow to other Gods who were brought to America by immigrants. Among the Gods Shadow meets are Anansi, the spider-man trickster of Africa; Zorya Utrennyaya and her sisters, the Morning, Evening and Midnight stars of Slavic religions; Czernobog, another Slavic God; Ibis, Egyptian God of the moon and Jaquel, Egyptian God of Death, aka Thoth and Anubis; and Coatlicue, the Aztec Earth Mother who was perverted into the Virgin of Guadalupe by the invading Europeans.

The story is also populated by characters from folklore, less powerful than Gods, but still immortal: Johnny Appleseed and Whiskey Jack, among others.

The story follows the evolution of a war between those old Gods, brought to these shores by millions of immigrants, and the new Gods, created here by modern Americans: Town and Wood and Stone, World and Information and Science.

The old Gods don't want to fight. They have been living peacefully in poverty as their worshippers have moved on to worshipping the new Gods. However, when the new Gods double-cross Wednesday and kill him, the old Gods see that they have no choice. They must either fight or die. The new Gods kill other Old Gods: Bilquis, the Queen of Sheba, is run over by a car.

Shadow is aided by his dead wife. He brought her back to life accidentally by passing her a coin given him by Mad Sweeney, a leprechaun.

Shadow has to die, walk the Underworld and return to life before a solution to the war can be found. (Sound familiar?)

It took me a while to get into this book. I was annoyed at the Gods dropping in un-

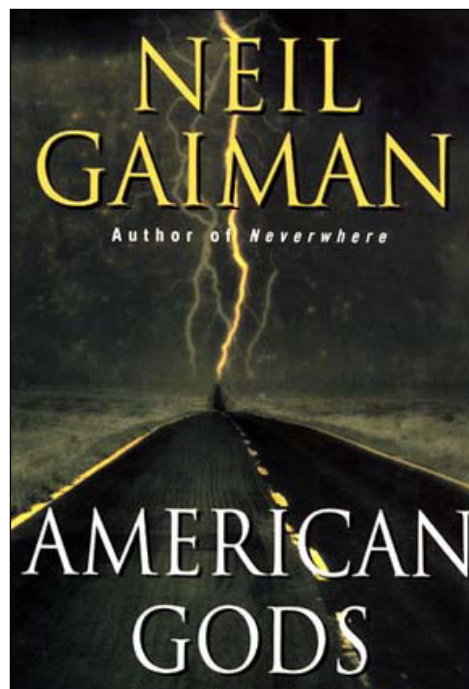


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Gaiman cowrote the script for Robert Zemeckis's film adaptation of "Beowulf" with Roger Avary, a collaboration that has proved productive for both writers.

announced and unidentified. Some I did not know. Some sounded vaguely familiar. Some I knew right away. When I turned to the internet, all the Gods became clearer. The characters made sense. I only looked up the first couple, just to make sure the author wasn't making things up. Then I decided that he was playing fair and would make things known to me at their proper time.

The story was enjoyable. I liked Shadow. I liked the fact that his dead wife kept popping in from time to time, and not just because I'm a zombie fan.

Meeting the Gods and trying to identify them in context, before the author identified them, was a delight. I scored about 50 percent. Seeing the old Gods in a modern setting, reading about how they fit modern society was fun. The author did a good job creating the characters of the old Gods and putting them in modern situations..

The war between the old Gods and the new made sense, in the milieu of the story. It seemed unlikely that the old Gods could be destroyed, but it seemed just as unlikely that they could stand against the new. Shadow's role in the war was cleverly handled. The resolution of the unresolvable was satisfying.

The repaying of old debts made the denouement a relief.

# Paging Doctor Mountie: Love, sex, and STD's on Valentine's Day

By TRACY SOMERVILLE  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Valentines' day is fast arriving. Will you be prepared this year?

Statistics show that about fifty percent of couples have sex on Valentine's Day. On that note it's good to hear that condom sales also go up by twenty-five percent in February.

However, when March rolls around the sales on pregnancy tests skyrockets. So how careful are people really being on Valentine's Day?

Without precautions not only are you putting yourselves at risk for an unplanned pregnancy, but you are also putting yourself at risk for STD's. STD's are no laughing matter, especially with a new gonorrhea strain going around that can kill you within a matter of days.

Doctors are calling this new strain, gonorrhea 4041. The strain was first discovered in a thirty-one year old female sex worker in Japan.

In 2011, it was discovered that this new strain was immune to antibiotics. To make matters worse, the bacteria is more aggressive and will affect more people quickly. Gonorrhea 4041 will put a person into septic shock and eventually, death.

As if things couldn't get any scarier, there is nothing medically to fight this new strain. Some doctors are even saying this might become a lot worse than AIDS.

So, how do you prevent yourself from getting an STD? The only way to prevent it 100 percent is to abstain from any sexual activity. If that's just not an option, then there are other methods you can use to protect yourself.

Always use a condom during any sexual activity. STD's are passed by having unprotected sex.

Another great way to prevent the spread of STD's is to talk to each other about whether or not you may have an STD. Forget about the embarrassment and just talk. After all, would you rather end up killing your partner with this new strain of gonorrhea just because you were embarrassed?

You can take all these preventions, but if you don't know the facts then you can still be at risk.

Did you know you can spread genital herpes if you have a cold sore and you perform oral sex on your partner? STD's aren't black and white. Sometimes it can be hard to tell if you may have one or not.

Some common STD symptoms for both men and women include painful urination, abnormal discharge, itching, and pain during intercourse.

If you think you may have an STD, go to your doctor immediately and do not participate in any sexual activity.

STD's can be prevented, so on this Valentine's Day just remember to use protection, talk, and be informed.

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# Student organization of the week: The Snow Sports Club



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Students enjoying themselves before the trip down the hill.

By **DEAN LEE**  
*Features Editor*

The Snow Sports Club has been on campus for a little over 20 years.

The club houses four officers, President Hunter Hill, Vice President Hunter Musgrove, Secretary Mark Maloy, and Treasurer John Sova.

Including the officers, the club has 35 to 40 members, according to Hill.

This year the club is trying to get formality back into the organization so that the members could do more activities.

The club is currently trying to create a new program that would allow the students on campus to learn how to ski.

The Snow Sports Club would pay for the students to go to Denton Hill with the "trainer" and learn the basics of skiing. The club will host this event many Saturdays and each Saturday the club will take a different group of people.

In the future the club plans on having more programs for the students to learn how to ski for non-members of the student body.

The goal of the program is for students to get a feel for the club.

The club is in consistent contact with 8 graduated members. Ashley Wray is an alumnus of Mansfield University who helps the club.

"It's not the same club it was before," Hill said. "We are making a solid effort for the University, with emphasis on recreation and leadership."

This semester the club wanted to go to Colorado. While in Colorado the Snow Sports Club would go skiing down slopes in Colorado.

The club would have had a chance to meet a former Olympic skiing coach. The Committee on Finance denied the club of the funds. The club was asking for \$10,000 for the trip.



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Members of the Snow Sports Club posing for a picture.

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-Classifieds are \$1 for 20 words, contact us at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu)-

We will be in Lower Manser every Thursday selling anime, mugs, lanyards, and more until March 6th. Get 10% off.

- Life's Variety Anime and Games

Students interested in learning about producing a live sport on television, contact MUTV Sports Director David Barr at [barrda21@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:barrda21@mounties.mansfield.edu)

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- Ruth Hermansen

## Word of the Week:

sex[seks] noun

1. either the male or female division of a species.
2. the instinct or attraction drawing one sex toward another, or its manifestation in life and conduct.

## Quote of the Week:

"A professor is someone who talks in someone else's sleep." -W. H. Auden

## Fact of the Week:

Your stomach needs to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or it would digest itself.



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# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

## What the last four years at Mansfield have given me

By **DAVID BARR**  
*Sports Editor*

This is my eighth semester at Mansfield University and my eighth semester working on the Flashlight staff to serve you by giving you the news you deserve.

When I first started working on the newspaper staff, I was a nervous but ambitious freshman who wasn't sure what the future held, but I knew the experience I would gain by working here would be invaluable.

After visiting a few colleges in high school, I knew Mansfield was the place I was supposed to be after high school. I liked the idea of a small campus and the fact that I wouldn't have to wait until my junior or senior year before I could become a member of the newspaper staff influenced my decision.

I came to Mansfield in the fall of 2010 knowing what I wanted to study. I wanted to be involved in the journalism field after graduation, so I knew I had to get involved with the campus newspaper as soon as possible. I attended the first meeting for the Flashlight of the semester. It was a decision that I have not regretted to this day.

It didn't take long for the staff members at the time to see how passionate and dedicated I was to journalism.

For my first story, I did an article about the construction and completion of the new Allen Hall. I knew that Allen was for the communication and art majors, and I figured I would be spending quite a bit of time there over the next four years, so I thought it would be a good idea to learn all I could about the new building. I interviewed students and faculty who had used the old Allen Hall and asked them how the new Allen would compare to the new Allen.

After collecting several quotes from students and faculty, I turned in my story and to my pleasant sur-

prise, my story made the front page of the first issue of the semester.

The first issue I had ever been a part of, and the staff had thought enough of me and my work that they placed my story on the front page. That accomplishment boosted my confidence and gave me another reason, as if I needed one, to continue to write for the paper.

One of the classes I had my first semester was Intro to Journalism. We were required to write eight articles for the paper throughout the semester to pass the class. We also had to pick a beat to cover throughout the semester. My beat was the intramurals that took place each week in Kelchner Fitness Center.

What I had to do was go to Kelchner two to three nights a week, observe the games, and collect the stats for all the games. I would then write up a report on all the games, trying to include as many names and stats as I could.

My work with the intramurals would be good training for what the staff had in mind for me the next semester. Due to the fact that the Flashlight didn't have an official sports editor, and that I had been turning in articles about the intramurals every week on time, and well over the required word limit, the staff offered me the position of sports editor, beginning in the spring of 2011.

I was apprehensive about taking on the responsibilities of an editor, especially since I had never done any editing for a newspaper before, but the other editors assured me that they would help me along the way.

I quickly learned the tools of the trade when it came to editing and how previous students had laid out the sports pages. Once I learned the basics, I was able to figure out how to cover all the spring sports, which include baseball, softball, and track and field.

I would cover the most recent games and events and if a game or match took place on a Wednesday,

it would have to wait until the following week before it got covered. While it might have been a week or so old, I did my best to make sure every event got mentioned in the paper.

I stayed in the sports editor position for four more semesters until the spring of 2013. At that point, I moved to the position of news editor. A new position and new responsibilities and more pages to cover in the paper. Unlike the first time I became an editor, I had the confidence this time around that I could do the job to the best of my ability. It took some getting used to that I had more space to work with, and there were times that I was hoping that there were a number of press releases from Terry Day for us to put in the paper and take up space since we were strapped for content. There were times when I felt like I was the only one who ever had content to put in the news section, but I put my nose to the grindstone each and every week and managed to fill up the space assigned to me. In addition to holding a weekly job on the paper, I was also a member of MUTV, anchoring the weekly newscasts on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. on channel 13 Blue-ridge. Despite all the time spent assisting the Flashlight and MUTV, I still managed to complete my work, and pass all my classes.

These last four years on the newspaper staff have been filled with great times and memories. I've made friends with my fellow staff members, thanks to our shared desire to produce a quality paper that lets students and faculty know about what is going on and what is important to them at Mansfield University.

Being the news editor got me outside my comfort zone of sports reporting and into a world that introduced me to real-world situations and coverage subjects. Some of the stories that I wrote about while news editor ranged from a helpful etiquette dinner for Mansfield students

to the terroristic threats called into the university last fall during the night football game.

This semester, due to staff reductions, I have moved back to the sports editor job. It will be hard to fill the shoes of our last sports editor, Chance Cook, who did a superb job of sports editor during his time on the staff. He set the bar very high for me, both with his work ethic and his ability to produce quality, professional work week in and week out.

I can only hope to reach that bar this semester. I will do my best to continue to the high level of content that Chance produced and make sure that all sports get coverage during the rest of the semester.

While I have been writing for the Flashlight during my time on campus, I have also been helping with a local paper back home during the summer months since the summer of 2009. The time spent at both the hometown paper and the Flashlight has given me an education that can't be taught in the classroom. I could sit in class all week and learn about journalism, but there is no substitute for getting out into the field and actually talking to people and getting the scoop.

My time with the hometown paper has allowed me to talk to important figures in the community and cover important and community activities from blood drives at my high school to 3D archery tournaments at my local gun club.

Last summer, my hometown paper asked me to start writing a weekly column. I accepted their request and now the paper has allowed me to continue writing my column while at school.

All of this has happened to me in the last four years and I am thankful it has. Everything has helped me become a better writer and now I believe that I can graduate in May, obtain a job in the field of journalism and assist the organization in any way I can to the best of my abilities for years to come.



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# Records fall for Mountie runners at Valentine Invitational

By DAVID BARR  
Sports Editor

The Mansfield men and women's track and field teams set new school records in the women's 400m indoor, the women's 4x400, and the men's mile.

The first day of events on February 7 saw two records in the history of the women's program go down.

Michaela Lambert was the first to set a new record, in the 400m. Her time of 57.34 was good enough for a 25th place finish, and it earned Lambert an NCAA provisional time. Lambert's time shattered Olivia Lopes' previous time of 58.76, beating the record by almost a second and half.

The next record to fall was the women's 4x400. The 4x400 team consisting of Lambert, Allison Macon, Melanie Hartley, and Melissa Cruz recorded a 24th place finish with a time of 4:01.44.

In addition to those two records, two Mansfield runners earned NCAA provisional

times in the 5,000m. Lauren Norton finished 13th with a time of 17:01.39. Jess Scordino finished five spots behind her teammate in 18th with a time of 17:10.45.

On the second day of events, the third and final school record was broken by Mike Robinson. Robinson was competing in the men's mile and finished 40th out of 300 runners with a time of 4:07.41. Robinson beat the previous record of 4:08.40 by .99 of a second. The previous record had stood for eight years. Robinson's time was good enough to be the fastest time in the PSAC and the fourth-fastest in NCAA Division II. He was .28 of a second away from earning an automatic NCAA time.

Another Mansfield mile runner, Joelsen Resimo finished with a personal-best time in the mile, coming in at the 4:20.10 mark, shaving 10 seconds off his old record.

The track and field teams are back in action at the Ithaca Invitational on Saturday February 15.



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Mike Robinson now holds the record in the men's mile event.

# Matter joins 1,000 point club after Kutztown game, sits 13th on all-time scoring list after facing Cheyney

By DAVID BARR  
Sports Editor

The 2013-2014 Mansfield women's basketball season has been a trying one for the team. The team's record is 0-22 with only three games left in the season.

Despite the disappointing record, there has been a bright spot for the team: Jenna Matter. The 6'0 senior leads the team in four offensive categories, including points per game with 14.6.

At Kutztown against the Golden Bears, Matter scored her 1,000th career point in a 17-point effort in a 67-60 loss. The milestone point came with 6:01 left in the game on a free throw. The game was originally scheduled for February 5th. A snowstorm caused the game to be delayed from Wednesday evening to Thursday evening.

Matter also pulled down 11 boards in the contest, recording her third consecutive double-double and her ninth of the season.

Joining Matter in double-digit scoring were Katie Fitzpatrick and Tianna Jackson. Fitzpatrick had 13 points and Jackson was right behind with 12 points in the game.

Mansfield stayed with Kutztown for the first 13:55 of the first half, never letting their deficit reach more than four points. Kutztown then went on a 14-9 run over the final 6:05 of the half, taking a 36-26 lead into the lockerroom. Kutztown continued their hot streak in the second half, extending the lead to as much as 16 points with 13:49 left.

Mansfield then began to whittle the lead to a manageable deficit, closing to within three points twice, including once with 40 seconds left in the game. Four converted free throws for Kutztown gave them an insurmountable seven point lead and gave the Golden Bears a 67-60 win and drop Mansfield to 0-21 on the season.

The Mounties returned home for a PSAC matchup against the Cheyney Wolves.

Matter was presented with her 1,000 point game ball prior to the game. Matter then proceeded to score 12 points and pull down 13 rebounds, earning her 10th double-double of the season. The 12 points were good enough to push Matter to 13th on the all-time scoring list. Katie Fitzpatrick led the Mounties with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Megan McSwain added 10 points for the Mountaineers.

The 38 combined points weren't enough as Cheyney's Kia Whitley-Duncan exploded for 29 points in the second half and 34 total points in the game to lead the Wolves past the Mountaineers 73-62.

Mansfield kept Cheyney within striking distance in the first half for the first 12:52, never letting Cheyney lead by more than six. Cheyney then proceeded to increase their lead to as much as 19 points before taking a 13-point lead into the half.

In the second half, Cheyney led by as much as 28 points. Mansfield chipped away at the Wolves' lead, closing to within 10 points with 50 seconds left in the game. That was



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Jenna Matter (left) sits 13th on the all-time scoring list after facing the Cheyney Wolves.

as close as Cheyney let Mansfield get before settling for a 73-62 win.

The Mounties host the Lock Haven Bald Eagles on Saturday before traveling to Shippensburg on February 19th for their final

road game of the year. Mansfield closes the season out at home on February 22 against Bloomsburg Huskies.



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## Mansfield climbs back into playoff contention

By **TOM PASSMORE**  
*Sports Writer*

The Mountaineer men's basketball team came away with two important wins over Kutztown and Cheyney.

Before these two wins, Mansfield had dropped three straight games. In the first game of the season against Kutztown, Mansfield lost at home. This time the Mountaineers looked to get their revenge against the Golden Bears on the road in Kutztown. Mansfield had a horrid start to this game, being down double figures just eight minutes in to the game. Mansfield wouldn't get closer as they were down 44-30 at half-time. Mansfield had 11 turnovers in the first half, compared to Kutztown's seven and also were outshot and outrebounded.

The second half was a different story as, Mansfield, behind the inside scoring of Joe Bell and Charles Pemberton, stormed back, using an early 17-3 run to close to 51-49 on a steal and layup by Bell four minutes into the second half. Kutztown, however would go on a run of their own and go back up by double figures again with just over seven minutes to play. Mansfield would then go on one more run to take the lead with just over two minutes to play, culminating with a Joe Bell layup that gave Mansfield an 82-80 lead with 53 seconds left in the game.

The Mountaineers then knuckled down on defense for the remainder of the game and blocked an attempted Kutztown three-pointer with one second left to win the game 82-80.

Mansfield committed two turnovers in the second half and scored 62 points in the paint. Joe Bell was the high scorer with 33 points and Charles Pemberton also contributed key baskets down the stretch as he accounted for 29 points and 10 rebounds. Brady Burke contributed nine points.

The next game for the Mountaineers was against Cheyney at home. Mansfield stayed with Cheyney in the first half, holding the lead twice in the first half and never letting their deficit advance into the double digits. Mansfield went into the lockerroom with a five-point deficit.

Mansfield committed nine turnovers in the first half, while only shooting 35% from the field. In the second half however, Mansfield would only turn the ball over five times and force 10 Cheyney turnovers while shooting almost 60% from the field. Mansfield retook the lead with seven minutes left to go in the game and never trailed again as they clamped down on defense in the final minutes and held on to win the game 67-64.

Bell was the high scorer with 26 points, making it the third straight game he's gone over 20 points. Charles Pemberton had 14 points and Charles Beacoats added 12 points. With the back-to-back wins, Mansfield is 1.5 games behind Kutztown for the final playoff spot in the PSAC.

Next on the schedule, Mansfield takes on Lock Haven at home before taking their final road trip to Shippensburg on February 19. The final game will take place at home in Decker on February 22 against the Bloomsburg Huskies.



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Joe Bell was presented with his 1,000 point game ball before the matchup against Cheyney.

## Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
13	14	15 -Women's Basketball vs. Lock Haven 1:00 p.m. -Men's Basketball vs. Lock Haven 3:00 p.m. -Men and Women's Track and Field at Ithaca Invitational	16	17	18	19 -Men's Basketball @ Shippensburg 6:00 p.m. -Women's Basketball @ Shippensburg 8:00 p.m.
20 -Swimming vs PSAC Championships All Day	21 -Softball vs Columbus State University 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs Barton College 5:00 p.m. -Swimming vs PSAC Championships All Day	22 -Women's Basketball vs. Bloomsburg 1:00 p.m. -Men's Basketball vs. Bloomsburg 3:00 p.m. -Swimming vs PSAC Championships All Day -Men and Women's Track and Field	23	24	25	26



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## Valentine's Day dinner brings two organizations together

By KATIE CRANE  
*News Editor*

Students Advocating for Everyone (SAFE) and Men for Progress collaborated for a Valentine's Day dinner Friday February 14.

"Men for Progress approached the Women's Center and asked us if we would be interested in co-sponsoring the event," SAFE President Sarah Mirable said.

The event started at 6 p.m. last Friday in North Manser. There, students received dinner as well as entertainment and music. There were several singing performances as well as an original poem recited by Dontae Williams, John Burton and Isaiah Murray.

Students were able to participate in several games facilitated by board members of the organizations. The Newlywed Game was played in which couples partnered up and were asked questions about their mate. The couple with the most correct answers won. The game started with easier questions like "what is your mate's favorite color?" to more difficult questions like "how old is your mate's youngest sibling?" Two couples won this game.

In another game, students were coupled up once again. Each couple was given an unopened lipstick. One person had to put on lipstick and kiss their partner's face. Whoever made the most lipstick marks won the game.

Students also had the opportunity to win a gift certificate to Papa V's by filling out trivia about Valentine's Day.

In the end, Men for Progress board members gave out roses of various colors based on the color and number sticker on the bottom of their saucers. Two students won a bouquet of flowers.

SAFE stands for Students Advocating for Everyone and is an extension of the Women's Center at Mansfield University.

"Our goal is to provide resources and



PHOTO BY JAJHIRA HERBERT

Over 50 students attended the Valentine's Day dinner in North Manser.

awareness to dating violence and sexual assault. Each month we have a topic that we dedicate an awareness week to. For example, February was Healthy Relationships," Mirable said.

The executive board includes President Sarah Mirable, Vice President Margaret Israel, Secretary Danielle Gilbert and Treasurer Emma Smith.

SAFE meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in

Alumni 312.

Men for Progress was created as a "place for students to come and assist each other in growth and all aspects of life," President Laquan Magruder said.

Though, Men for Progress is not only for minority men. Tiara Pendleton has become the first woman on the executive board holding the treasurer position.

Other members of the executive board

include Vice President Marquise Isaac-Rivers and public relations managers Kaif Beyah and Jarell Gibbs.


Men for Progress meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in South Hall.

This event was free to all students with a meal plan and \$10 for others that wanted to attend.

The meal was catered by Sodexo.

Weekly Weather


Friday



Rain and wind

High:42 Low:21


Saturday



Partly Cloudy

High:44 Low:17


Sunday



Snow Showers

High:38 Low:12


Monday



Partly Cloudy

High:28 Low:7


Tuesday



Cloudy

High:26 Low:6


Wednesday



Partly Cloudy

High:23 Low:-3

Thursday



Partly Cloudy

High:18 Low:4

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# Info-To-Go

## Campus Bulletin Board

- Free screening of “Three Worlds,” another great film in the International Film Series @ MU. Monday, February 24, 2014 @ 6:30 in 317 Alumni.
- Frederick Douglass Institute, Tour of Washington, D.C. on March 14 - 16, 2014. The annual trip to Mr. Douglass’ home on Cedar Hill in Anacostia D.C. is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and friends to learn more of his very personal and private home life. You will also be able to visit Great Blacks in Wax, Ben’s Chili Bowl, Uncle Tom’s Cabin, Josiah Henson’s House, Arlington National Cemetery, and other D.C. monuments and museums.  
Estimated cost: \$225 per person (double occupancy). Interested students and organizations may contact Alan Zellner ezellner@mansfield.edu.
- Transfer Student Organization (TSO) is seeking members to provide insight, input, service, and identity to Transfer Students at Mansfield University. You don’t have to be a transfer student to join!  
Take your pick of meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m., G-12 South Hall -or- 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each

- month, 6:00 p.m., G-12 South Hall.
- Students wishing to learn more about TSO, or transfer students seeking assistance: please join us at one of our meetings.  
For information, email Jan at jyoder@mansfield.edu
- Looking for a Bible Study? Join with other MU students every Tuesday at 8 PM in room 312 Alumni Hall Student Center and every Thursday at 11:30 AM in 314 Alumni Hall Student Center. All are welcome!
  - Have questions you want to ask a local Pastor? Have time at lunch? There will be a local Pastor available on Mondays and Wednesdays. Stop by Jazzman’s on Mondays from 12-1:30 p.m. or stop by Manser on Wednesdays from 11:30-1 p.m.. Look for the sign “Chow with the Chaplains! FMI: Contact Courtney Hull, Campus Ministry, chull@mansfield.edu
  - Mansfield University’s Leo Club will host their 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 8, 2014, 1:00-3:00 pm and Sunday, March 9, 2014 12:00-2:00 pm. The event will be held at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 29 East Wellsboro Street in Mansfield, PA. The dinner is free but donations are appreciated.  
This event will serve as a fundraiser for the Relay for Life to be held at Mansfield University on April 4-5, 6:00PM – 6:00AM. Money raised supports the American Cancer Society.

# World News



## Headlines from across the planet

*Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com*

- 2/18/14- **Venezuelan opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez turns himself in**
  - President Nicolas Maduro says an opposition leader is on the way to prison
  - Maduro compares Venezuela’s opposition to an infection that must be cured
  - Opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez turns himself in to authorities
  - Government blames U.S.-backed opposition; protesters call for freedoms, end to scarcities
- 2/18/14- **Members of Pussy Riot released in Sochi**
  - Police say there is “no claim” against detained band members
  - Maria Alyokhina and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova were meeting journalists
  - Police detained them, three other band members, activists and journalists
  - They were in Sochi to record an anti-Putin political protest song
- 2/18/14- **Yemen: 12 killed, 14 soldiers captured in clashes with militants**
  - Ministry official: Clashes happened in four places in southern province of Dhaleh
  - Ministry says 14 soldiers captured
  - Resident: Bullets entered my home
  - Numerous clashes have followed military’s shelling of funeral tent in January

- 2/14/14- **Judge deems Virginia’s same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional**
  - The federal judge’s ruling is the latest in a series of such decisions
  - Legal officials in some states with same-sex marriage bans deem them indefensible
  - Judge: “These laws deny Plaintiffs their rights to due process and equal protection”
  - Virginia’s new Democratic leadership previously said it wouldn’t defend the ban
- 2/18/14- **Neknominate: ‘Lethal’ drinking game sweeps social media**
  - Neknominate game, thought to have originated in Australia, now sweeping the world
  - At least five men aged under 30 have died after drinking deadly cocktails
  - There appears to be no limit to the type of drinks that are consumed
  - The role of social media giants like Facebook is also coming under scrutiny
- 2/18/14- **U.S. launches push to gain release of soldier Bowe Bergdahl**
  - “The clock is ticking” on efforts to bring Bergdahl home, CNN analyst says
  - Bowe Bergdahl is the lone U.S. soldier held in captivity
  - The Army sergeant has been held by insurgents in Pakistan since 2009
  - New discussions led by diplomats, but Pentagon involved as well
- 2/18/14- **A close call in space tonight: Asteroid zips by Earth**
  - The asteroid misses Earth by some 2 million miles
  - It comes just about a year after an asteroid blew up over Russia
  - The space rock has an estimated diameter of three football fields



# Operation Ambition: The Pathway to Cultural Competency Conference to occur at the end of April this year

By KATIE CRANE  
*News Editor*

The second annual Operation Ambition Conference: The Pathway to Cultural Competency will occur Friday April 25 through Saturday April 26.

Operation Ambition was originally created to mimic the Black Male Summit that occurs annually at Akron University in Akron, Ohio.

“It is geared towards the growth and development of African American males and I saw that we had the same needs at Mansfield University,” President of Men for Progress and The Black Students Union (BSU), Laquan Magruder said. “This year, we hope to expand the demographics and appeal to a broader audience.”

In April 2012, Mr. Jason Roscoe, the coordinator of minority mentoring, and Mr. Alan Zellner, Social equity and Multicultural Officer, took a small group of men to the summit where they met Brian Heat. Heat is a motivational speaker. He was the closing speaker at the Black Male Summit and was the closing speaker at the conference. Magruder has been working since last year to get this event organized.

The theme for this year will be cultural awareness.

Much of the scheduling will be similar to last year. The schedule for this event is broken up into mostly hour-long workshops that will occur concurrently. Attendees will get to choose where they want to go. There will be several workshops to choose from every session. There will be time set aside for lunch.

Key speakers for this conference include Vera Cornish of Harrisburg, Dr. Michael Miller and Ron McCurdy. Some returning speakers include author and program coordinator at Drexel University, Silina Garrett, and inspirational speaker, Brian Heat.

Garrett’s presentation from last year was titled *Breaking out of the Box: Defining Success from Within*. Here, she spoke about the way people view success. Sometimes success is getting a degree and working as a security guard until we find the right job. At times the path to success starts rough, but gets better. “There is always an opportunity for in even the toughest of situations,” Garrett said.

Heat was the keynote speaker last year.

“His words were really inspiring. Usually you hear you can be anything, but he gave



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Brian Heat considers himself an “inspirational speaker.”

us a method,” Mansfield University student Dominique Hudson said.

Heat reinforced the steps or path to success theme “Build the individual, then the legend,” Heat said, “It all starts from within.” Next, one must find a passion, and then chase it. One also must find the “white spaces.” These are places in the industry have not been filled yet. In other words, find something that no one has done and do it. Be creative. “Master the map, but explore the wilderness,” Heat said.

One major change from last year is that the conference will be a two-day event rather than one. This is something that Magruder has been trying to do since last year.

Another change that will occur is the use of Mansfield University faculty. Some will present in workshops and others will help in a staff team. This team of students and faculty will give tours and direct students to buildings. Some of the buildings being used are Alumni, Straughn, Memorial Hall and North Manser.

Students from other schools will also be attending. Other schools that have been invited include Lock Haven University, Bloomsburg University, Penn State, Essex County University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, West Chester University, Millersville University, East Stroudsburg University and other surrounding colleges and high schools.

These students have the option of staying in Laurel Manor for \$25 or staying in the

Comfort Inn for the discount price of \$99.

There will be an alumni dinner Friday night in which students will be able to network and enjoy a meal. This dinner is sponsored by Men for Progress.

Sponsors of the conference include Men for Progress, the Black Student Union (BSU), the minority mentoring program and multicultural affairs. They are expecting

about 250 people to attend. Students will be able to register in the near future. Registration will be open until the date of the conference and remains free for Mansfield University students. There is a \$10 fee for adults and a \$5 fee for high school students. All students are encouraged to attend.

“Multicultural affairs is not just for minorities,” Zellner said, “It’s for everybody.”

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# SGA reinstates Mansfield University’s yearbook organization

By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Student Government Association passed a vote to approve the yearbook club’s eligibility for funding on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

The organization, which publishes The Carontawan, is looking to have a yearbook available for free for graduating seniors starting in the 2014-15 academic year. Other students will have the opportunity to purchase the yearbook.

The cost to produce the yearbooks is not determined at this time, but, according to Sydni Hoffman, the organization’s president and editor-in-chief, more research and work will be done once more members for the organization have been recruited.

Along with senior photographs, pictures will be able to be submitted by the photography club and other Mounties who wish to contribute.

SGA reallocated \$100,000 from the Student Storage Project to be used to pay College Community Services, Inc. accounting.

The Student Storage Project earmark account the funds were taken from was made as part of an initiative to collect all unused or storable items from the student organizations. This project, according to SGA President Joshua Gibson, met a standstill.

The SGA policy discussion will take place during next week’s meeting. Senate-proposed amendments to SGA procedures and rules will be entertained at this time. This will be the only meeting for the rest of the semester that will entertain policy-changing amendments, and will set the precedent for future policy meetings to be held once each semester.

“We’re beating a dead horse [with policy talk every meeting],” Parliamentarian Colton Long said. “This will cut down on that.”

Elections for the new SGA president and vice president will be held on April 4. The Political Science Club talked with The Elections/Voter Registration Office and secured the use of at least two election ballot machines to be used for the SGA election. These are the same machines used in Tioga County for the 2012 presidential election.

There is currently one ticket for president

and vice president, according to Long. The deadline for nominations is March 4.

“Gibson will be passing the gavel on April 15,” Long said.

SGA’s public relations Task Force will be working on educating students how their student activity fees are used. According to Director of Public Relations Cole Black, the Task Force will be, in part, focusing on giving specifics of how student activity fees are utilized to better the campus.

\$2,340 was reallocated for the Bass Fishing Club to attend nationals.

The SGA website will now be able to direct students to student organization contacts. According to senator Alex Farley, this will help students who wish to join a student organization and need to contact someone in that club.



The next SGA meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25 in 307 Alumni at 7:00 p.m.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
21 All Day Admissions: Faculty & Staff Postcard Campaign (Multi-Day Event)	22 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Carly Bechdel and Amanda Coughenour, Junior Voice Recital  5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Danielle Murray, Senior Voice Recital	23 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Saxophone Studio Recital  3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Anna Buglio and Ian MacDonald, Junior Voice Recital	24 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM International Film Series @ MU :: Three Worlds	25 11:30 AM Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)  12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study	26 All Day Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)	27
28	1 All Day Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)  10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Admissions Office hosts Transfer Student Open House	2 All Day Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)	3 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Real estate Pre-License Courses  8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Nav Night	4 11:30 AM Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)  All Day Bible Study	5 All Day Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)	6



# BSU to continue film series for Black History Month



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Jane Elliott used this group of third graders as her subjects of her social experiment in 1968.

By **KATIE CRANE**  
News Editor

The Black Students union continues with their weekly movie series for Black History Month.

Last week, The Great Debaters was supposed to be shown. However, the event was cancelled due to the university closing last Thursday.

This week, How Racist Are You? was shown as scheduled Thursday February 20

in 307 Alumni. This documentary features a social experiment in Britain in which former schoolteacher, Jane Elliott divides a group of people by eye color. Her experiment features blue and brown eye colors. Here, she makes brown-eyed people the privileged and blue-eyed people the discriminated in order to allow others to see the point of view of minority groups. This experiment is done with adults.

This blue eye/brown eye exercise was originally done in the 1960s with Elliott's

third grade class in Riceville, Iowa. However, the blue eyed students were deemed superior while the brown-eyed group was the minority, opposite of the experiment in the documentary. Elliott provided brown fabric collars and asked the blue-eyed students to wrap them around the necks of their brown-eyed peers as a way of identifying the minority group easier.

She gave the blue-eyed children extra privileges like second helpings at lunch, access to the new jungle gym, and five extra minutes at recess. The blue-eyed children sat in the front of the classroom while the brown-eyed children were sent to sit in the back rows. The blue-eyed children were encouraged to play only with other blue-eyed children and to ignore those with brown eyes. Elliott would not allow brown-eyed and blue-eyed children to drink from the same water fountain, and often chastised the brown-eyed students when they did not follow the exercise's rules or made mistakes. She often exemplified the differences between the two groups by singling out students, and would use negative aspects of brown-eyed children to emphasize.

At first, there was resistance among the students in the minority group to the idea that blue-eyed children were better than brown-eyed children. To counter this, Elliott lied to the children by stating that the melanin responsible for making children blue-eyed

also was linked to their higher intelligence and learning ability. Shortly after, the resistance seemed to disappear.

Those in the superior group became arrogant, bossy and otherwise unpleasant to those in the inferior group. Their grades also improved. The inferior classmates also transformed into timid and subservient children, including those who had previously been dominant in the class. These children's academic performance suffered, even with tasks that had been simple before.

The next Monday, Elliott reversed the exercise, making the brown-eyed children superior. While the brown-eyed children did taunt the blue-eyed in ways similar to what had occurred the previous day, Elliott reports it was much less intense.

Students that saw the documentary found the experiment interesting.

"I had never heard of anything like this before. I was a little surprised to see how abrasive her style was. It made me want to listen and pay attention," BSU member Nicole Dupree said.

"It was something different from the usual shows I see during Black History Month," BSU member Alyse Galloway said.

Next week, February 27, Mississippi Burning will be shown at 8 p.m. in Alumni 307.

## Letter to the Editor: Rebuttal to the student trustee

*The Mountie Guide* recently put out a post in regards to Student Trustee, Zane Swanger.

What I find most interesting about the blog post are the inaccuracies that are written, specifically the sections in which Trustee Swanger claims credit to his fraternity for setting up events that were in fact funded, set up, and completely run by members of the Student Government Association.

"Zane is... attending regular Student Government Association meetings." There have been 20 meetings since the Student Government Association (SGA) opened its first meeting last fall, Zane has attended 5 of them. So yes, the Student Trustee has been regular. Regularly absent. He claims to be the "voice of the student body" but to whom is he communicating with other than his own friends? His absence at SGA meetings has been so regular in fact, that we were all surprised to see him show up for the first time this semester at last week's meeting.

Rather than communicating to the

students about the decisions that the Council of Trustees has been making, he instead decided to critique SGA policies that have been in place for nearly a year now. "Zane's most recent example of being 'the voice of the student body' is his attempt to cut the payment of student activity fees to the executive board members of Student Government Association." Under Article I – Powers and Duties, Section I. Powers and Duties, of the Council of Trustees Bylaws and Regulations, number 7 lists: "To review and approve charges for room and board and other fees except student activity fees."

The only piece of policy that our Student trustee has taken a stance on during his tenure has in fact been the only policy that he has no say over. If you continue to read over the Council of Trustees Bylaws and Regulations, you will also find that he is under no obligation to attend Student Government meetings. SGA President Josh Gibson, has been kind enough to allow him to address the students each meeting he attends however this is a simple courtesy.

One question that students have been asking SGA is: "How did Zane vote on retrenchment?" As a student on this campus, I would love to know the answer to this question! Did he say anything? Did he stand up for the faculty and staff that we love and need on this campus? Did he bring any suggestions as how Mansfield University could cut spending? Furthermore, what has Zane done about handicap accessibility across campus? What has Zane done about getting our refund checks sooner? Has Zane listened to any of the students complaining that the library isn't open enough or that the campus clinic needs to be open 24/7? I think it's time that our Student Trustee takes less time being his fraternity brothers' "keeper" and more time representing the needs of this student body on the Council of Trustees.

Cole G Black,  
SGA Director of Public Relations

## Voice your opinion!

Letters to the Editor are accepted and encouraged.

Letters can pertain to campus, local, national or global issues...whatever is on your mind!

Send letters and questions via e-mail to [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu)

# Letter to the Editor: Student activity fees and responsibilities

Each year every full time student pays \$900 in student activity fees at \$450 per semester. Mansfield University collects the fee from the students when they pay their bill to the school. The University deposits the collected money into an account held by the accounting office for College Community Services Incorporated (CCSI).

The Student Government Association (SGA) is given control over how the student activity fee is spent in accordance with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Act 188 of 1982 which lists the “Power and Duties of Institution Presidents” as: “In cooperation with the student association [at MU this is the SGA], to fix student activity fees and supervise the collection, retention, and expenditure thereof.”

Currently, SGA budgets annually for \$2.1 million in student activity fees which theoretically ensures that there will be some money in reserve each year. (See Student Activity Fee Breakdown table for a detailed breakdown of how the budget is divided and allocated)

The president of the university has the authority to provide SGA with guidance and direction in order to ensure that the \$2.1 million is being spent in a manner that coincides with the university’s mission including key aspects like student recruitment and retention. However, current MU president Francis Hendricks indicates that “students can spend their money how they want.” Recent interim president Allen Golden stated that “allowing students to control the student activity fee is a good learning experience.”

This means that students who join SGA enter into a situation where they become part of a group of students who are charged with managing over \$2.1 million. These students are the sole decision-makers on how that money is spent. The president of the university has the authority to veto an SGA decision but does not have the authority from the state of Pennsylvania to force students to allocate the student activity fee to areas they do not wish to.

This also means that young adults who are transitioning from childhood and high school are given a responsibility that nothing in their lives has prepared them for. And because the group of students in charge of all that money changes each year, the manner in which the money is spent changes each year.

Though these students are arguably unprepared for the task given them, SGA has an advisor who, as with all SGA funded organizations, has the authority to advise the students within the club, report actions to the president, and to either sign or not sign all final requests for payment from CCSI.

The advisor does not have the authority to tell the students how they have to spend the student activity fee. In short, the students have an advisor who they can choose to listen to or not.

While some may believe that allowing students to control the student activity fee is a good learning experience, SGA is a cover for how the university gets out of funding and taking responsibility for the management of Athletics, Music Ensembles, the Kelchner Fitness Center (KFC), and the Student Activities Office (SAO).

The lack of oversight in the area of Athletics is so extensive that, until I persuaded SGA to pass new policies, Athletics was not required to keep a ledger or inventory records. What this amounts to is that Athletics has so much student money they do not even need to keep track of what they are spending it on or the items they have purchased.

Music Ensembles, KFC, and SAO kept these records prior to the implementation of the new SGA policies. Funding these areas through student activity fees allows these areas to use the money they receive in ways that the state of Pennsylvania prohibits for state money. PASSHE has created a distinction between student activity fee money and state money and therefore a loophole around state regulations.

The system at MU is problematic in that the students are told they are in charge of how student activity fee money is spent, but at the same time the students have to fund Athletics, Music Ensembles, KFC, SAO, and the Mountie Express or these areas will not receive funding. Problems continue in that the university has taken a position of noninvolvement which means that students within SGA are left with the task of trying to ensure that the areas funded by SGA are keeping track of the money they spend and the items they purchase with student money.

Often it is the case that when students start asking university employees questions about how they use student money to fund their respective areas the students are met with intentional obscurity, animosity, intimidation, and in some instances outright bullying.

SGA continues to meet resistance to policies requiring funded areas to keep track of what they spend as well as the items that are purchased. It seems that MU employees know what they can get away with in regards to how they can treat students. How many of your average college students are willing to stand up to the director of athletics or other university employees, especially in a climate where employees and professors treat students as though they are children still in high school?

Student Activity Fee Breakdown		
Funding Level	Percent of SAF	Funding Area
\$777,000	37%	Athletics
\$231,000	11%	Music Ensembles
\$252,000	12%	Student Activities Office
\$115,000*	5.47%	Kelchner Fitness Center
\$90,000*	4.29%	Residence Hall Association
\$60,000	2.86%	Health Sciences SGA
\$50,000	2.38%	Mountie Express
\$75,000	3.57%	Free Orientations
\$105,000	5%	CCSI
\$1,755,000	83.75%	Total allocated prior to club funding
\$345,000	16.43%	Funds available for student organizations
\$4,312.50	0.21%	Funds available per organization
\$195,000	9.28%	Funds available if SGA budgets for \$50,000 and MAC for \$100,000
\$2,437.50	0.12%	Funds availble per organization if SGA budgets for \$50,000 and MAC for \$100,000

SAF = Total (\$2.1 million) Student Activity Fee Budget  
\* = 2013-14 Funding level rounded down to nearest \$5,000

Some have suggested that the university implement an Athletics, Music Ensembles, and Fitness Center fee (Note that students already pay a fitness center fee and are in fact paying two separate fees that go to funding of the fitness center). This system would mean that everyone would know exactly where the money was going and it would shift the responsibility of oversight from the students to the university. The university has been and remains strongly opposed to this idea.

So who has their eye on the ball? Well, it is easier for the university to manipulate students and shift funding responsibilities to SGA when students do not care, are ignorant, or when the students in SGA are eager to please the powers that be and are therefore exceedingly generous with their fellow students’ money. For the most part, a group of 18, 19, 20, and 21 year old students are left on their own to manage millions of student dollars.

The university does not want the hassle and responsibility of ensuring that student money is being managed appropriately and that students simply do not have the experience, knowledge, or familiarity with university operations that all of the funded areas and the university do. The lack of being familiar with university operations gives the university and the funded areas an advantage over students such that students do not even realize when they are being used and

manipulated.  
This system is a disservice to students and the university. Its current methods are reckless, irresponsible, and fiscally unwise. A fiscally responsible institution would be looking to step in to offer guidance, support, and direction for tomorrow’s leaders as well as facilitating oversight for university employees in regards to how student money is being managed. However, the university prefers to keep students in the dark so as to have easy access to the pool of money that comprises the student activity fee.  
Note 1: As the university decides to cut funding to given areas, those areas turn to SGA to receive funding. Examples include the Mountie Express Shuttle Bus and the Residence Life Program which are now receiving funding from SGA. The Loomis Gallery, Martin Luther King Jr. Center, International Student Center, and Women’s Center have not been granted funding by SGA this year. The library was denied a request for \$100,000.00 to put a Jazzman’s in the bottom of the library. These funds were denied because the library did not conduct feasibility studies, profit projections, a business plan, or even bother to survey the students to see if the students were interested in the project. The library seems to have assumed that SGA would hand over \$100,000.00 without asking questions.

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# Student organization of the week: WNTE The Giant



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WNTE, operates at 150 watts, and reaches a 15 mile radius.

By **DEAN LEE**  
Features Editor

WNTE The Giant broadcasts daily from Mansfield Universities own Alumni Hall South Court.

Broadcasting 24/7, 365 days a year the organization never stops. The organization meets on Tuesdays at 8:00pm. Adam Woodruff Assistant General Manager said, "We are a full functional 24/7 operation on campus, we are the only organization doing stuff all year round."

The organization streams live at <http://www.wnte.com/>.

The organization is currently going through a license renewal through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The radio station announces six times a day about the renewal incase any one person would want to respond to the FCC about the renewal.

As well the radio station must abide by the rules and regulations from the FCC. Meaning that there cannot be any indecent language on air from 6am to 10pm.

Other than that from 10pm to 6am, there can be little indecent language, from the safe harbor rule to protect children. If any indecent incident happens on air, then it is a fine of \$325,000, for each incident.

The organization has 20-25 members, and tries to be as professional as possible.

The officers or managers are: Jon Ceresini General Manager, Adam Woodruff

Assistant General Manager, Brandon Russell Programming Director/Business Manager, Matthew Dishler Production Director/News Director, Zach Johnson RPM Director/Chief Engineer, Karyn Anselmo Underwriting, Ashleigh Southard PR & IR Director, Mitchell Kelly Hip Hop Director/Sports Director, Chelsea Simmers Parliamentarian, Erica Frank Office Manager.

A big trip that the organization goes on is to the College Music Journal. The trip focuses to connect the students to some big name radio stations.

The conference focuses on uniting the music industry with the radio stations that broadcast the music.

One of WNTE's alumni, Stu Weiss, went off to open up his own business. Fortunately, he is gracious enough to give WNTE gifts. A piece of equipment that WNTE holds is a machine called the 360.

The machine can take a live phone call and edit out any bad words and spit the phone call back out in seconds.

Stu Weiss also created a scholarship to be given to a communication student that is nominated by the communication board. The scholarship runs for about \$500.

The organization also fundraises for local charities like, Relay for Life.

"There are many opportunities to expand your skills in different areas," Erica Frank said, "including communication, business, and marketing."

# Bridging the gap: What makes a Mountaineer

By **CHRISTOPHER BRIDGES**  
Flashlight Contributor

"It's a competition to see who can fill the bag of blood first."

I was then told by the staff that I was not allowed to compete with students to give blood the fastest.

Last Wednesday the Potter & Tioga Counties Community Blood bank was on campus (sponsored by the Intra-Fraternity Council and the Pre-Med club) asking Mounties to give back and help those in need.

This isn't unusual, we see it every couple of weeks on campus. Nor is it unusual for many of us to stop by for 20 minutes and give.

It was Cody Auer, a first year Mountie, that I was attempting to race, and it is Cody that reminded me what a Mountie is.

As Cody sat next to me it was clear to me and the staff that he was feeling some trepidation. He assured us all that he was fine, and experiencing no anxiety.

His lightly shaking arm suggested that while his will was set, his body was still catching up. He shared that this would be his first time giving blood, and this was all new to him.

In the course of our conversation I

asked him what led him to give blood, as he had never done so before, and was clearly apprehensive about doing so. "I saw the sign on the mall and came up". Or, to paraphrase; "I saw a request for help, so I came to help."

Regardless of his own concerns, apprehension, or lack of experience, Cody saw a need and met it.

No one asked him, dragged him, or rewarded him (not counting the grape soda). He literally gave of himself because there was a need.

The staff noted that he would have no problems, and that his vein was easy to get to.

They walked him through the process and we chatted about his hometown. Everything went well, and somewhere in the local community, someone will directly benefit from Cody's actions.

That is what makes a Mountie. It may be a small example, but this kind of approach is what leadership, and being a Mountie, is all about.

As Mounties we all see these kinds of actions every day, but that isn't true for all communities.

We are in a special place.

Cody and I have to decide to be "blood brothers" and give together again in April. We hope to see you there.

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The university is also cutting the amount of scholarship monies made available to Athletics which, coupled with the fact that Athletics has not done fundraising in seven years, has prompted Athletics to request that they be allowed to use student activity fee money to offer student athletes scholarships.

Additionally, SGA is paying for university employee salaries in the areas of Athletics, the Kelchner Fitness Center, the Mountie Chalet, and the Student Activities Office. University employees also understand that, if they are denied a request for funding, they need only wait a few years for a new group of students to take charge of SGA, and, since continuity is nearly nonexistent in SGA, they get to ask for money again from a completely new of students.

The mentality amounts to: It never hurts to ask. And the University's stance amounts to: It is permissible for university employees to take advantage of students in this capacity if students are ignorant enough to allow themselves to be taken advantage of.

Note 2: SGA decided to offer \$75,000.00 to provide free orientations to incoming students for the next six years in an effort to attract students to MU through the Admissions Office. Marketing MU to

potential students as being the only one of the 14 Pennsylvania State Schools to offer free orientations theoretically gives MU a marketable competitive advantage.

Note 3: CCSI is an external accounting firm that has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the University. CCSI provides accounting services for all areas funded by S.G.A., the Campus Bookstore, and various organizations not affiliated with SGA. SGA is now responsible for paying 5% (or \$105,000.00) of monies handled through CCSI in order to pay for accounting services (not to exceed CCSI office operating expenses).

Previously the bookstore profits covered the CCSI accounting office operations funding. Bookstore profits have dropped (due to the decline in book sales) over the last 5 years, and the book store is unable to support the accounting office.

The alternative to paying the 5% is losing current accounting services which will result in a spending freeze in all areas operating with student activity fee money and a need to acquire an outside accounting firm.—Explained by Dr. Christopher Bridges, Associate Dean of Students and the nonvoting chair of the CCSI Board of Directors.

Jason A. White,  
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Have a suggestion for next week's student organization of the week? Contact Dean Lee at [flashlight@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlight@mansfield.edu).

# Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"



## "You find yourself in the midst of life. Roll a d20."



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D&D rules are laid out in various books. The most basic and vital of which are the Player's Handbook, the Dungeon Master's Guide, and the Monster Manual.

By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Back in high school I always felt like I had to hide who I really was.

Throughout the four years I always felt I had to walk on eggshells around the "cool" and "popular" people. I was never much into sports or other trendy activities (so, mostly just sports at my high school).

I didn't care if our sports team sported a sportball into the sportpost for some all-important sport points – even though I knew the opposing team was trying their best to also sports the sportball down the sportfield in an attempt to utterly humiliate our school in a display of sports domination.

Nor did I particularly care if I was wearing the coolest, tightest Hollister shirt, or if I had the fastest, loudest car.

What I did enjoy was hanging out with my friends and playing

video games. Some of my favorite memories from high school are staying up all night and playing Halo 3 or Left 4 Dead with my friends.

We would congregate at someone's house (most likely whoever had the parents that wouldn't mind us screaming profanities at five or six in the morning) and connect our Xboxes together to engage in a nightlong quest of glory, Mountain Dew, and bloodshed – but mostly bloodshed.

Of course this wasn't the "cool" thing to do, but I wouldn't have traded any of it for even an ounce of what constituted as being "popular." I would, however, always be careful to not express around others my love for gaming.

I graduated and moved to Rhode Island for college (because before being a journalism major here, I was a culinary arts major at Johnson & Wales University). It

was in Rhode Island that I learned it was, contrary to my high school beliefs, quite alright to be who you were.

I found some like-minded friends at JWU. We played Magic: The Gathering and Call of Duty in our dirty chef whites after class. It was in Rhode Island, though, that I was introduced to a game that would revolutionize my entire view on gaming.

This game is the epitome of nerd-kind, the essence of geeks, and the crux of modern gaming. I'm, of course, talking about the infamous Dungeons & Dragons – a game that has stereotyped its players as "losers" since before I was born.

I was hesitant at first. I mean, come on, I was a nerd but I wasn't that much of a nerd. But I figured, "eh, why the hell not?" and rolled a character (an in-your-face fighter with a big ol' tower shield) and started playing with a group of other students, some I knew and others I'd never met before.

The game requires its players to roll different sided dice (ranging from four to 20 sides) to determine the outcomes of things you wish your character to do in the game. I didn't realize it at the time, but many current RPGs follow the same format, though not as evidently.

I was quiet for the majority of my first few sessions. I was learning the rules and still getting to know some of the players. My DM (dungeon master – the person who is in charge of the game and dictates what the party finds) was superb. He would, for example, explain in meticulous detail what happened every time you swung your weapon.

"You swing your axe down

into the creature," he would say. "The edge lands in the creature's chest, and the poison you coated the blade of the axe in seeps into his blood. He howls in pain, and turns to retaliate a swing of its huge claws. You take eight damage."

I formed friendships with the other players. Some of those people I met back in freshman year in Rhode Island I still consider some of my best friends. Bonding over this game, over sharing an adventure to stop a demon lich, carried over into strong friendships that have lasted even two years after moving to the Mansfield area.

D&D creates situations where you have to work with your allies, or enemies, to achieve goals. Some are thrust into leadership positions, and others try to be as big of a pain in the ass as possible, I've learned. What matters the most, though, is that you have fun, make friends, and enjoy yourself.

One of the most memorable scenarios I had to work through in D&D involved a situation that was neither black nor white. No matter what our party decided to do, bad things would happen to good people, and good things would happen to bad people.

Reality is also neither black nor white. The idea that nerds are these individuals with no friends, have no fun, and can't really enjoy life is entirely untrue.

I am a nerd. I have accepted and embraced this, and choose to no longer hide it. Some of my friends are nerds – some aren't. The most important thing is to stay true to yourself and love what you do.

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# Book Review: *Lucky at Cards* by Lawrence Block

By DAN MASON  
*Flashlight Advisor*

"They say every man has a weakness. They say that for every man there's a woman somewhere in the world who can make him jump through fiery hoops just by snapping her fingers. They say a man's lucky if he never meets that woman." from *Lucky at Cards*

Bill Maynard was a magician. A few years ago he got suckered into the underworld of con games. He cheats at cards. As we meet him, he is recovering from his last adventure.

The folks he was trying to clean out caught him and cleaned him out.

Maynard finds a small town in upstate New York to get his teeth fixed. The dentist invites him to sit in on a card game. Even when he doesn't want to, Maynard can't help cheating.

Enter the dame, Joyce Rogers, who is married to the host of the game, widower Murray Rogers. Maynard and Joyce meet the next day.

Joyce has been a good girl for several years, but she's tired of living in suburbia as staid Murray's second wife.

She wants Maynard to find a way to get Murray's money for them. Murray is a wealthy tax lawyer. He has fixed his will so his children from his first marriage will get his money when he dies.

Maynard needs a job to get a stake to swindle Murray. Murray finds him a job he likes and is good at.

Maynard meets a school teacher who finds that she is tired of living in suburbia. She wants Maynard to take her away from it all.

Maynard is skewered by the horns of his dilemma. Joyce doesn't care about the other woman. She just wants out and the money.

When Murray Rogers ends up in jail for murder, he's rich enough to beat the rap. He's rich enough to hire detectives.

He's rich enough to get revenge, and Murray Rogers likes to win.

This is a world I will never know. I love getting a peek into it: the cheating at cards, cheating at love, cheating at death.

I loved getting a different look at the



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Considerable autobiographical information on the earlier phase of his life and career may be found scattered through *Telling Lies for Fun and Profit* (1981), a collection of his fiction columns from *Writer's Digest*.

1960s. One only hears about sex, drugs and rock-and-roll in the '60s. It turns out there was lots of other stuff going on then, too.

Rare is the page in this book where someone isn't lighting a cigarette or pouring a drink.

We never hear about those drugs today, but they were a huge part of the '60s.

Motels cost \$10 per night. Gas was 30 cents per gallon. Small town America seemed friendly, open and honest, but people were Peyton Place-ing all across this great land.

Block's early stories rarely have anything that might be described as a happy ending. This book is an exception.

Block twists the plot and the characters. It seems no one is going to win. It is worth reading this book just to see how the master gets himself, his characters and the reader into and out of this impossible situation.

# Paging Doctor Mountie: Prevent the flu, don't spread it

By TRACY SOMERVILLE  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Cold and flu season is in full swing. It's time to get out your cough drops, tissues, and medications.

As college students keeping yourself from getting sick can be very difficult. Students live in close quarters to each other, eat in the same locations, and attend classes together.

How in the world are you supposed to keep yourself from getting sick without living in a bubble? If all students follow these simple tips than less Mansfield students will have to get sick this year.

The first thing you will want to do is talk to your roommate about making your room germ free.

Reposition your beds on opposite sides of the wall as far away from each other as they can go. That way if one of you is to get sick you can create some more distance between each other.

Keep disinfectant wipes in your room and wipe down any surface that is used daily. This includes desk space, light switches, door handles, and sink areas.

The last thing you can do for your room is to take the trash out regularly. Keeping your room germ free can keep you and your room mate safe, but you can't stay there forever.

At some point you will have to go out to class where inevitably somebody will be sick. Mansfield University's nurses office hands out

free flu vaccines every year.

Take advantage of this opportunity and get the shot. If you get to class and you notice somebody is sick try to sit as far away from them as possible. Always carry hand sanitizer with you and use it often.

Butler students are at a greater risk of becoming sick due to the sharing of instruments and standing in close proximity to each other in the various choir groups.

If you are sharing an instrument with somebody who may be sick, make sure you clean it thoroughly before using it.

Avoiding somebody who is sick in chorus can be difficult if you have assigned spots on the riser. The best thing is for the sick person to miss practice in order to prevent others from becoming sick.

As many music students are very dedicated this may not be an option. If somebody is sick they should try to stand away from the other students to prevent spreading their illness.

If you do become sick the best thing to do is to stay in your dorm room and rest. By going to class you are risking others becoming sick and the vicious cycle begins.

Not only are you risking other students, but you aren't helping yourself. By taking the couple of days needed to recover you will be back to normal a lot faster than if you were to over exert yourself by going to class.

As a rule of thumb, always remember to prevent it, not spread it!

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# Mounties one game back of playoffs with two games left after close win over Lock Haven University

By **TOM PASSMORE**

*Sports Writer*

The Mountaineer basketball team went 1-1 this past week as they lost to Millersville University and beat Lock Haven University.

In the first game against Millersville on February 12, Mansfield got off to a slow start, only scoring 22 points in the half as a team and only shooting 33% from the field. The Mountaineer defense played well though, as they held Millersville to only 34% from the field and 29 points in the half.

The second half was a different story however, with Joe Bell scoring 20 points on 8-13 from the field. Mansfield outscored Millersville in the second half and would be up one with 1:45 left in the game after a layup by Bell made it 62-61.

A foul on consecutive possessions for the Mountaineers would lead to free throws for Millersville put them up 65-62. A last second three-point attempt by Ryan Krawczeniuk fell short as the Mountaineers couldn't complete the comeback and fell 65-62. Bell scored 24 points on 10-19 from the field, 2-2 from the free throw line, and 2-4 from behind the arc. Charles Pemberton recorded a double-double with 14 points and a team-high 14 rebounds on 5-9 from the field and 4-8 from the free throw line.

The next game up for the Mountaineers

was against Lock Haven at home. Mansfield jumped out to an early 13-5 lead, and would hold this lead all of the first half. Mansfield shot only 39% in the first half but recorded 9 steals as they took a 30-27 halftime lead. Mansfield would get contributions from the whole team in the second half as three Mounties (Joe Bell, Kamil Parzych, and Charles Pemberton) chipped in 10 or more points as Mansfield went on to shoot 53%. Lock Haven would cut the lead down to just three with three seconds left on the clock but two free throws for the Mountaineers sealed the 80-75 win.

Bell had a team-high 28 points and 10 rebounds, on 11-16 converted field goals, 2-3 from the three-point range, and 4-5 from the foul line. Charles Pemberton had 14 points on 7-11 from the field. Kamil Parzych had 12 points on 4-7 shooting, 2-5 three-point attempts, and 2-3 converted free throws.

Mansfield holds a 5-9 record in the PSAC East and is one game behind Millersville for the final playoff berth. Mansfield was on the road against Shippensburg on Wednesday evening. Due to deadlines, we are unable to provide the information on that game. The final game of the season for the Mounties will be on Saturday afternoon at home against the Bloomsburg University Huskies with tipoff scheduled for 3:00 p.m. in Decker Gym.



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Clockwise from top left: Seniors Charles Becoats, Kevonte McClain, and Onyema Utti will be honored before Saturday's game for their work for the basketball team.

# Mansfield drops close one to Lady Bald Eagles

By **DAVID BARR**

*Sports Editor*

Mansfield went down to the wire against Lock Haven University (LHU) and nearly came away with their first win of the season.

Mansfield was down in the first half and for most of the second half, before finally taking the lead with 5:38 left in the game. From there, the lead changed hands four times before LHU tied the game at 60 with 2:51 left in the game.

A Jenna Matter layup and converted free throw shot gave Mansfield a 63-60 lead and it would be the last lead Mansfield held as LHU converted six free throws in the final 52 seconds to earn the win by a final score of 66-63 and keep Mansfield winless on the season.

Matter had a game-high 20 points and eight rebounds, Alyssa DeRichie had 13 points and a team-high nine rebounds, and

Megan McSwain had 10 points.

The close defeat came on the heels of a 46-point output in a defeat to Millersville on February 12. The 46 points tied for the second-lowest total by Mansfield this year. The fewest points scored came against Lock Haven on January 15.

At Millersville Jenna Matter had her fifth straight double-double, with 13 points and 15 rebounds but it wouldn't be enough to keep Mansfield in the game. Millersville held a whopping 37-19 lead at halftime, and despite 27 second-half points, Mansfield dropped a 72-46 decision. Katie Fitzpatrick and Megan McSwain both had seven points for the Mounties and Tianna Jackson added six points.

The Mountaineers close out the season on Saturday afternoon at home against the Bloomsburg University Huskies with tipoff scheduled for 1:00 p.m.



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Jenna Matter saw her streak of consecutive games with a double-double end at five against Lock Haven.



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## Robinson sets two more track and field records

By **DAVID BARR**  
*Sports Editor*

Mike Robinson broke his own record in the men's mile event.

That was just one of the records that Robinson broke over the weekend. At the Grand Valley State's Big Meet in the men's mile, Robinson completed the race in 4:06.27, finishing third overall.

That time was not only good enough to qualify Robinson for the NCAA, but it broke the record by 1.14 seconds. He is one of five athletes in the nation to record an NCAA automatic qualifying time in the mile.

Robinson made more history in the men's 3,000 meters event. Robinson finished second out of 76 runners with a time of 8:22.78.

The previous record was held by Bud Plaszenski since the 2011 season. Plaszenski's time had been 8:32.22. With the new record, Robinson now holds four indoor track and field records, and the 3,000 meters record was the third record Robinson broke this year.

The four events that Robinson holds the record in are the mile, the 3,000 meters, the

800 meters, and the 1,000 meters.

"What you are seeing is the product of four years of hard work on Mike's part," Mansfield head coach Mike Rohl said.

"The things that I have accomplished recently are things that, until now, I have really only ever dreamed of doing, especially considering the setbacks with illness, and broken bones I had been suffering through the years. I am incredibly grateful for the teammates and coaches I have. Without them, none of what I have accomplished would be possible," Robinson said.

Robinson will be running at Cornell this weekend as a warm-up for conferences scheduled for March 1 and 2.

**Have a suggestion for February's Athlete of the Month? Send your suggestion to David Barr at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu)**



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOMOUNTIES.COM  
Mike Robinson broke his own record in the men's mile event.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
20 -Swimming vs PSAC Championships All Day	21 -Softball vs Columbus State University 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs Barton College 5:00 p.m. -Swimming vs PSAC Championships All Day	22 -Women's Basketball vs. Bloomsburg 1:00 p.m. -Men's Basketball vs. Bloomsburg 3:00 p.m. -Swimming vs PSAC Championships All Day -Men and Women's Track and Field	23	24	25	26
27	28	1 -Baseball @ St. Augustine's University 1:00 p.m. (DH) -Softball @ Wilmington University -Track and Field @ PSAC Indoor Championships	2 -Baseball @ St. Augustine's University 1:00 p.m. -Softball @ Goldey-Beacom College 1:00 p.m. (DH)	3	4	5



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By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Mansfield University's Student Government Association (SGA) released an article titled "In Whom Do We Trust" on Feb. 18 and was met with a negative reaction from the student body.

The article was written as a rebuttal to *The Mountie Guide's* feature, "In Whom We Trust," on Student Trustee Zane Swanger, which was published on Monday, Feb. 17. *The Mountie Guide* is a blog written and maintained by Briana Bayer, a public relations and organizational communication senior.

The intention for the feature on Swanger was, according to Bayer, to bring more attention to him and his position as Student Trustee. The post describes how Swanger became Student Trustee and how he "[serves] as the eyes and ears of the entire student body."

"In Whom Do We Trust?" was published on the SGA's website on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Director of Public Relations Cole

Black authored the article, but it is an official statement by SGA as a whole.

The article also appeared in *The Flashlight* as a letter to the editor in volume 102, issue 4.

The Mountie Guide said, "Currently, Zane is reaching out to as many students and organizations possible while attending regular Student Government Association meetings."

"In Whom Do We Trust?" called into question Swanger's SGA meeting attendance. "There have been 20 meetings since the Student Government Association opened its first meeting last fall, Zane has attended 5 of them. So yes, the Student Trustee has been regular. Regularly absent."

"In my fraternity, we say to always be your brother's keeper, we do not seek anything in return for the care or work we give," Swanger said during the Tuesday, Feb. 11 SGA meeting. "Should the executive board of SGA be our brother's keeper as well?"

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Swanger is a junior Political Science and Criminal Justice Administration dual major.

## SGA discusses policy changes, passes two

By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Student Government Association (SGA) entertained nine amendments to SGA and Committee on Finance (CoF) policies on Tuesday, Feb. 25; two amendments were passed.

Director of Public Relations Cole Black proposed the first amendment to change the CoF Policy Manual, Article IV, section 2, letter B, number 2. This number specified how the \$40 per student per day (according to IV.2.B.1.) could be used for each meal. It allowed \$10 for breakfast, \$12 for

lunch, and \$18 for dinner.

Black's justification for removing IV.2.B.2. was: "If I don't eat breakfast, why should I not get to spend all \$40 of the allocated money for one day?" The amendment passed, meaning students who travel may spend \$40 per day from student activity fees without restricting certain amounts to certain meals.

Senator Alex Farley proposed the second approved amendment. Farley's amendment will change how new business will be handled by SGA.

Any new items that members

of SGA would like to discuss or have voted on in the new business portion of the meeting must now be submitted ahead of the meeting. Farley drafted a form that will be filled out with the details of the discussion item and will be disseminated to the other members of SGA before each meeting.


This new policy is meant to "educate the senators," according to Farley. This policy will take effect starting March 11.



See "SGA Policy," Page 4


Weekly Weather

Friday

 Mostly Sunny


High:20 Low:9

Saturday

 Few Snow Showers


High:34 Low:15

Sunday

 Snow Showers


High:22 Low:13

Monday

 Snow


High:29 Low:11

Tuesday

 Cloudy


High:30 Low:15

Wednesday

 Cloudy

High:28 Low:8

Thursday

 Partly Cloudy

High:27 Low:11

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# Info-To-Go

## Campus Bulletin Board

- Attn Education Students, do you have questions about the following:  
Pennsylvania Educator Certification Tests(PECT)  
Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA)  
PreK-4  
Special Education PreK-8  
Praxis II.  
Bring your questions to one of the following sessions in the Retan 101 Computer lab, Wed. Feb 26th 11:30AM-12:30PM or Thurs. Feb. 27th 11:30-12:30pm. No reservation needed, gain some useful tools and information regarding this requirement.
- On Tuesday, March 11, Professor Ed Kozaczka, will give a talk entitled Queer Anarchies. The event will be in 104 Allen Hall at 4:00 pm. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program.
- The Mansfield Chamber of Commerce will offer express bus service to Philadelphia for Mansfield University students during the spring break through a charter service with Susquehanna Trailways. Through this express service, students can arrive in Philadelphia in 4.5 hours.  
Single trip tickets can be purchased for \$90.00/person or \$98.00/ person if purchased two weeks prior to the departure date.  
Spring Break Express Bus Details: The bus will leave Mansfield University’s Alumni Hall parking lot at 12:00pm on Friday, March 14th. The bus will leave the Philadelphia Greyhound Station to return to Mansfield University at 12:00pm on Sunday, March 23rd.  
The Mansfield Chamber of Commerce will sell express bus tickets on February 25th and March 4th from 11:30am-1:30pm on campus at a table located outside the Alumni Hall bookstore.  
Please plan to purchase your Express Bus ticket for Spring Break by March 4th.
- Enroll in the Mansfield University EF College Study Tour “Paris the City Experience”  
May 12–21, 2015: spend 10 days in Paris, and earn Mansfield University academic credit.  
Join Dr. Monique Oyallon and other Mansfield travellers in this

faculty-led study-abroad course embedded with the WLC 2500 “Introduction to Paris” a Mansfield University general education course taught entirely in English in the Spring 2015.

The trip component is open to all MU students, without any pre-requisite and you will have three choices:

- take the three-credit semester-long WLC 2500 “Introduction to Paris” course and an additional 1-credit WLC 2255 special course
- taking only the WLC 2255 course for 1 credit,
- simply participating in the trip for your personal enrichment and pleasure, without credit.

During our stay in Paris we will concentrate on the following activities:

- describing/experiencing life in the city: the parks, the cafés, the monuments, etc.,
- coming to know neighborhoods in Paris: from the Latin Quarter to Notre Dame to the Eiffel Tower to Montmartre to Montparnasse,
- understanding what it would be like to be creating things and working in Paris,
- visiting museums: the Louvre, especially, and others collections.



- Students, thank you once again for assisting us with snow removal in the student parking lots. Relocating your vehicles was essential to making the area between cars walkable and safe.

Scott Williams  
Associate Vice President of Finance and Administration

# POLICE BEAT

- **Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -**
- 2/23/14- Devon Lloyd-Harris, 19, visited a female student’s room in Spruce and caused damage to a wall. Lloyd-Harris then went to a male student’s room in Hickory. During the interaction between Lloyd-Harris and the resident of that room, Lloyd-Harris briefly entered the room and shoved the resident. Lloyd-Harris will be referred to campus judicial and, pending the outcome of further investigation, criminal charges may be filed as a result of his actions.
- 2/20/14- University Police are investigating an incident where person(s) unknown caused damage to an unattended motor vehicle that was parked along the roadway at that location. According to witnesses, the operator of the other vehicle backed into the parked vehicle twice and then drove away. Witnesses were able to provide a license plate number

and vehicle description.

-2/19/14- Harley Satterlee, 21, and Jason Perrone, 20, were found to have possessed and consumed marijuana in Spruce Manor, room 267. This was the result of an investigation stemming from a residence life complaint regarding the odor of marijuana. Satterlee and Perrone are being judicially referred.

-2/19/14- Two female Mansfield University students reported that at approximately 7:50 PM, they were nearly struck while they were in the crosswalk by a vehicle which was turning left from the stop sign onto westbound College Place. The vehicle is described as an older dark blue or green minivan, likely with PA registration. The driver was described as a middle-aged, white male with light-colored, short hair and glasses.

-2/16/14- Mansfield University Police was called to Manser Dining Hall for an incident involving retail theft. It was discovered that Vincent Roux, 23, had taken several beverages totaling \$9.44 without paying for them. Roux was referred to campus judicial for this incident.



# Mansfield University students attend conference

By KATIE CRANE

*News Editor*

Mansfield University students traveled to Bloomsburg University for the twentieth annual Sankofa conference Friday February 21 to Saturday February 22.

The conference was started by the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Bloomsburg University.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) was established in 1993 with the support of Bloomsburg University, The State System of Pennsylvania, and the Community Government Association. This organization provides a distinct level of programming and educational services that address the specific challenges and issues faced by historically underrepresented individuals and/or groups. The OMA staff is dedicated to helping students succeed and graduate from Bloomsburg University.

The Sankofa conference was created as a program of the multicultural center, which recognized the need for students to learn, understand, and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of people of African descent. The conference has developed as a way to promote unity and understanding among students and to provide a forum for discussion and learning.

Students were unable to attend the first day because of a transportation issue.

Saturday morning, students had to be registered to get their name tags and wristbands for the evening dinner.

Laura McGill was the opening keynote speaker. She delivered a speech titled "Wake Up." She spoke about working towards making your dreams come true and avoiding distractions.

"Don't hit the snooze button on life," McGill said.

Laura McGill was raised on the north side of Philadelphia. After graduating Simon Gratz High School, she taught at a Christian elementary school for several years. McGill also graduated from the Municipal Police Academy and is now an active police officer.

With a desire to impact the lives of today's youth, McGill has gotten involved with different schools, colleges, organizations and conferences like Sankofa and Student Development Leadership Institute (SLDI). Other programs that McGill is involved with include West Chester's Jump Start Program, Discovery Charter School, youth detention centers, churches and the Devereux Foundation.

There were two concurrent sessions

after McGill's speech. Here, students could decide which presentation they wanted to go to. Some of those speakers included Marvin Carter, Brian C. Johnson, Albert Jones, Tammy Hilliard-Thompson, Dawn Fraser, Marion McKinney, Marcus Harrison, Cornelia Sewall-Allen, Jeter Smith, Lance Collier and Querida Lugo. Those mentioned are educators, experts and motivational speakers affiliated with various colleges, universities and organizations.

The major keynote speaker of the conference was ESPN's Stephen A. Smith. Smith talked about keeping up with the competition and working hard to achieve your dreams.

"I'm successful because I know that I am not successful," Smith said.

Stephen A. Smith is a sports journalist from Hollis, Queens, New York. Smith's journalism career began after graduating Winston-Salem State University. He soon became a high school sportswriter at the New York Daily News in the summer of 1993. Fourteen months later, he went to the Philadelphia Inquirer to cover college sports.

Soon Smith started writing for the National Basketball Association (NBA). After four years as a beat writer for the Philadelphia 76ers, he became an NBA columnist in 2001 and was promoted to General Sports Columnist in 2003.

Smith's career at ESPN started when he was hired away from Fox SportsNet's Best Damn Sports Show, Period! To become an analyst/insider on NBA Shootaround.

Smith had his own show, Quite Frankly, from 2005 to 2007 and hosted a weekday radio show on 1050 ESPN in New York.

Smith has been a guest on shows like MSNBC's *Morning Joe*, *The Ed Show* and *Hardball*. He writes columns for ESPN.com.

The Multicultural Affairs Officer of Bloomsburg University, mentioned that this year marked the most attendants for the conference.

"It was an excellent experience for Mansfield University students to go out and represent the school among the many colleges that attended," sophomore Jarell Gibbs said.

BSU Treasurer, Marquise Issac-Rivers, and other board members worked closely with Mansfield University's Social Equity & Multicultural Affairs Officer, Alan Zellner, to make the trip possible.

"[The conference] gave us an opportunity to grow professionally and come back to give back to our peers as well," Issac-Rivers said.

## BSU completes weekly film series

By KATIE CRANE

*News Editor*

The Black Students Union completed their film series in honor of Black History Month.

Every Thursday in February, BSU has been premiering different films to showcase African American culture in Alumni 307 at 8 p.m. Yesterday marked the last film day. *Mississippi Burning* is the last of four to be shown.

*Mississippi Burning* is a 1988 American drama-thriller film directed by Alan Parker and written by Chris Gerolmo. The story is loosely based on the real-life murders of civil rights workers in Mississippi in 1964. The FBI investigation into the real-life murders is examined in this film. It focuses on two fictional FBI agents (portrayed by Gene Hackman and Willem Dafoe) who investigate the murders. Hackman's character (Agent Rupert Anderson) and Dafoe's character (Agent Alan Ward) are loosely based on the partnership of FBI agent John Proctor and agent Joseph Sullivan.

After the three are reported missing, two FBI agents are sent to investigate the incident in rural Jessup County, Mississippi (Though Neshoba County is where the real murders took place). The two agents take completely different approaches: Agent Alan Ward (Dafoe), a young liberal northerner, takes a direct approach to the investigation; Agent Rupert Anderson (Hackman), a former

Mississippi sheriff who understands the complexities of race relations in the South, takes a more subtle approach.

The film also features Frances McDormand, Brad Dourif, R. Lee Ermey and Gailard Sartain.

It won the Academy Award for Best Cinematography, and was nominated for Best Actor in a Leading Role (Hackman), Best Actress in a Supporting Role (McDormand), Best Director, Best Film Editing (Gerry Hambling), Best Sound and Best Picture.

This event was free and funded by Student Activity Fees.

BSU has completed the film series, but will have a mock million man march Sunday March 2 at 3 p.m. starting at South Hall Mall.

"Join us and march about whatever you feel passionate about from your academic program being cut to women's rights," BSU PR Director, Jajhira Herbert said.

Following the march, there will be a Black History Month dinner.

There will be a motivational speaker and a tribute to Beyoncé and Josephine Baker by BSU's dance team, Soul Sophisticated.

The dinner will be in North Hall this Sunday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"Our banquets are always a good time and we would love to see some new faces," Herbert said.

If you are interested in attending, send your 18 digit I.D number to herbertje22@mounties.mansfield.edu

## Trivia night at The Hut continues

By NICK DOAN

*Flashlight Writer*

Trivia tournaments continue to be held at The Hut on Tuesday evenings.

The setup and rules are the same as last semester, however, the prizes are different. There is still no limit in the size or number of teams, but all teams must be signed up to play by 9:00 PM that night.

The game is broken up into four rounds of general knowledge questions like, "which two planets in our solar system have no moons?" or "which color light has the shortest wave length?" with each round getting progressively more difficult.

Questions in round one are worth five points each. The point value of questions increases by five until the last round when questions are worth twenty points each.

At the end of the fourth round, there is one last question that participating teams can bet any amount of the points they have on. It works a lot like the final round on Jeopardy.

Some of the questions are multiple choice, and some have more than one answer which creates an opportunity for bonus points. If there is a question that only one team answers correctly, that team receives double points. If

no team gets a question right, there is one over question per round.

Trivia nights are hosted by Mike Allen's All Star Traveling Trivia Show. Trivia nights are free to students and funded by the Student Activities Council with student activity fees.

Prizes consist of gift certificates to Papa Vs, a local pizza restaurant. Last semester, prizes consisted mostly of gift cards to the campus book store. Only the top two teams get prizes as apposed to the top three teams last semester. First prize is a gift card worth \$20.

Seven teams participated last Tuesday. They were The Wookies, The Plain White Tees, The Red Pandas, The Oxy Moronicles, Team Fresh, The Historically Periodic Couches, and team T and R and D and Z. The Plain White Tees competed regularly last semester. In the end, the Wookies won first place with 260 points. Several other teams ended up with a score of zero.

There are also open mic nights every Wednesday at The Hut. Students who attend can read poetry or perform music on the huts stage during these events. There was a performance on Thursday called "Running from Lions" as well as a blackout party on Friday. All of these things are funded by the Student Activities Council.

## SGA statement

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“I think it’s time that our Student Trustee takes less time being his fraternity brothers’ ‘keeper’ and more time representing the needs of this student body on the Council of Trustees,” the SGA article said.

“I felt it was a personal attack against [Swanger] and my fraternity,” student and Sigma Alpha Epsilon member Will Sever said during this week’s SGA meeting. “I feel this was the most childish thing to do. Common sense would dictate [the official statement] was not a good idea.”

The article from SGA and all comments made by the public have since been removed from their website.

Some of the comments made on the SGA page were as follows:

“I am completely appalled by this article,” Maria Karmonick said. “It saddens me that such a ‘well respected’ organization would go out of their way to personally attack a fellow Mountie . . . You should all be ashamed.”

“The idea of a student government is to remain impartial on issues, especially when it comes to students,” Anthony Kanuk said. “It shows a lack of integrity for an organization to discredit an individual, that for all other

intents and purposes, is a hardworking individual and has done his best to provide for the majority of students on campus.”

“I am 110% embarrassed that an article of this nature is linked to the SGA name. You all should be embarrassed as well,” alumnus and former four-year SGA member Eliza Beth said. “You are representing your student body. And this is how you want to be represented?”

Swanger met with the SGA executive board and Dean of Students Dr. Chris Bridges to “turn a negative into a positive.”

“We want to use this event to propel us forward to help the students,” Black said. “It wasn’t a personal attack; it was strictly business. These problems have been resolved . . . through simple communication. We talked things out about our roles and how we can work together.”

“This article will not discourage me from proceeding with my tasks and duties as the Student Trustee to Mansfield University,” Swanger said on his official Student Trustee Facebook page. “I will continue to be the ‘voice of the students’ and will also be approachable about any concerns a student may have about the university. I am here to better the university, and the best way to go about this is to better the students.”

## SGA policy

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Among the failed amendments were:

1. From Farley: to move all committee reports and house representative announcements into a newsletter to be distributed to the campus through *The Flashlight*. According to Farley, this would save time – sometimes up to an hour and a half per meeting.
2. From Farley: to divide the SGA Treasurer position into two positions, SGA Treasurer and CoF Chair.

“SGA Treasurer and CoF Chair are two different jobs that require significant time commitments if the jobs are to be done efficiently. I usually put in close to 30 hours a week managing both roles,” Treasurer Jason White said. “Dividing the roles creates a separation of powers and workload where SGA would no longer be asking itself for money. It [was] a possible solution for making the role of the SGA Treasurer and CoF Chair easier to manage for next year’s SGA.”

3. Senator Justin Sanna: to place a cap on the number of senators to 40 students.
4. Sanna: to raise the required GPA of SGA executive board members from 2.5 to 3.0.

5. Sanna: to reduce the amount of stipends received by the SGA executive board from student activity fees by half and getting rid of the number of required service hours.
6. Sanna: To reduce the amount of funding given to athletics from student activity fees from 37% (\$777,000) to 30% (\$630,000).
7. Sanna: to remove XII.2.E. from the CoF Policy Manual which states, “Unless a specific request is made by SGA for the records, Athletics, Music Ensembles, Sports Medicine, and the Kelchner Fitness Center will be exempt from submitting inventory records to SGA.”

According to Sanna, the listed organizations should be required to submit inventory records like all other student organizations are required to.

This was the only meeting for the rest of semester that will entertain any amendments or other changes to SGA or CoF policies, according to Parliamentarian Colton Long.

Following the policy discussions, \$8,000 was allocated to Alpha Kappa Lambda to host The Big Event’s afterparty, “Are You Afraid of the Dark,” which will be a UV party in The Hut.

The next SGA meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4 in 307 Alumni.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
28	1 All Day Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)  10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Admissions Office hosts Transfer Student Open House	2 All Day Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)	3 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Real estate Pre-License Courses  8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Nav Night	4 11:30 AM Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)  All Day Bible Study	5 All Day Express Bus Ticket Sales (Multi-Day Event)	6
7	8 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday Visit  1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Ashley Peters, Senior Flute Recital	9 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Alissa Rose and Nancy Boston, Faculty Voice Recital	10 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM On-campus Recruiter: Frito Lay/PepsiCo	11 8:30 AM - 1:15 PM Prattsburgh Central School Bus Trip  Various Times Bible Study	12 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Admissions Office hosts a Regional Reception in Harrisburg, PA	13 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Shale Speaker Series



International film series is half way

Update on high ropes course

By KATIE CRANE  
News Editor

The Mansfield University International Film series will feature four award-winning films for select Mondays this semester.

Two films have already been shown. They are *Broken* (February 3) and *Three Worlds* (February 24).

*Three Worlds* was shown as part of the International Film Series at Mansfield University Monday, February 24th at 6:30 p.m. in 317 Alumni Hall.

*Three Worlds* is about Al, a young man from a modest background, who is ten days away from marrying the daughter of his boss, along with succeeding him as the head of the car dealership where he has been working for most of his life. One night, while coming back drunk from his bachelor party, Al commits a hit-and-run when he hits a man by accident and is urged to leave the scene of the crime by his two childhood friends who are with him in the car. The next day, gnawed by guilt, he decides to go to the hospital to inquire anonymously about his victim.

What he does not know is that the entire accident was witnessed from a balcony by a young woman, Juliette, who is going through

her own emotional upheavals. Juliette not only called 911, but also helped to contact the victim's wife, Véra, a Moldavian illegal immigrant whom she decides to help and keep company at the hospital. When Juliette recognizes Al as the reckless driver in the hospital corridor, for some reason she is unable to denounce him. Gradually they get to know each other better through more frequent meetings and phone calls and Juliette becomes a mediator between Al and the unsuspecting Véra. However, things get complicated when romantic feelings between Juliette and Al start to arise, and Véra finally finds out about their secret relationship.

This film is in French & Moldovan with English subtitles.

The films are presented by the Mansfield University Library, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Student Life.

This event is free and paid for by Student Activity Fees.

The next two films in the series to be shown in 317 Alumni at 6:30 p.m. are *La Sirga* (March 31) and *The Deflowering of Eva Van End* (April 21).

For more information on the films and the series, go to [mansfield.libguides.com/internationalfilms](http://mansfield.libguides.com/internationalfilms)

There are several different areas in which SGA's funds are dispersed around campus, which includes the various amounts of organizations and clubs.

Did you know that we have a low-ropes course, let alone have money set aside for the high-ropes course?

On August 27, 2013, Amy DeLozier, the Director of the Kelchner Fitness Center, presented to the Student Government Association a new proposal to receive training for the climbing wall and ropes course to allow students with disabilities to be able to participate.

It passed with a unanimous decision. The high-ropes course hasn't gone into effect yet but \$40,000 has been earmarked for this project.

Data was gathered including an estimate,

ideas of high elements, and a sample request for a bid proposal and have submitted those items. We are currently waiting for the university's response to the proposal.

"The goal for the course is to have several (4 or 5) high elements that can be used in conjunction with our low ropes course. It would be a great addition to campus and I think would be a great connection with our leadership focus. We could have students help do the facilitation and grow their skills and bring student organizations through to increase teamwork and leadership," Delozier said.

If you have any questions about this topic, you can contact Amy DeLozier at [adelozier@mansfield.edu](mailto:adelozier@mansfield.edu), or you can stop by her office, located in KFC.

Letter to the Editor:

The importance of the philosophy department

Editor,

I am a dual major of Philosophy and Political Science with a Pre-Law concentration here at Mansfield University. I am graduating an entire year early in order to start law school in the fall of 2014. I have been accepted to law schools in New York and Pennsylvania. It may seem as though I am bragging about my success, but in reality, I am bragging at Mansfield University's Philosophy department's success.

When I started at MU in the fall of 2011, I was a Philosophy major with a Pre-Law concentration, but I did not pay attention to the philosophy part, I was just focused on becoming a lawyer. This changed during that first semester, when I took Contemporary Moral Problems with Dr. Newman and Critical Thinking with Dr. McEvoy. These classes completely changed my perspective on philosophy- I was hooked. Every semester after that, I took at least one philosophy class, loving each and every one of them.

One specific way that the Philosophy major directly affected my success in gaining admission to law school is the Formal Logic class taught by Dr. McEvoy. It was being offered in the spring of 2013, conveniently right before I took my LSAT that June. Although it was one of the most mentally challenging classes I have

ever taken, it gave me an advantage going into the LSAT. The instruction I received enabled me to replace an overpriced LSAT prep class. I would not have received the score that I did on the LSAT if not for Formal Logic and Dr. McEvoy. I will be forever grateful that Dr. McEvoy taught the class so well and that I could even take this class at MU. If there were no Philosophy program at MU, this would not have been possible and my future would be significantly different.

When people ask me about how I have accomplished so much in three years, I have no problem giving all the credit to my professors and advisor at MU. They pushed me to do better than I ever imagined that I could. I continuously improved academically because of their confidence in me and their professional instruction, guiding me to success.

In May 2014, I will be a proud alumnus of Mansfield University; will have a B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science, and on my way to the law school of my choice. I hope that other students will have the same opportunities that I did, but that can only happen if the Philosophy program remains.

#LOVEMU

Sincerely,  
Lillian Hines

SGA Twitter account success

The Public Relations Task Force came up with a twitter account: @Mansfield\_Logic run by Dan Cwieka to promote ideas and information about Mansfield's Student Government Association and to provide some appropriate humor about generalities found at Mansfield.

The account has just hit 150 followers

and gains new ones by the day. It was created about five months ago and has received consistent positive public feedback.

The task force has been very pleased with the results and sees the account as an important PR tool as more and more people continue to use twitter as their top social media outlet.

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# Paging Doctor Mountie: Getting enough sleep

The worst thing college students can do is pull an all nighter before a big exam. You may be spending more time studying, but you won't

Do you see the vicious cycle here? You drink coffee because you don't get enough sleep, but then you can't sleep because you drank too much coffee.

There is no substitute for a good night's sleep, so don't try to make compromises. Cut the caffeine, sleep before a big test, and create a sleep schedule and you will be dreaming in no time.



*Tracy Somerville is a junior nursing major. Upon graduation, she would like to get a job on an Oncology floor in the Baltimore or Reading area. She would also like to go on multiple medical mission trips to Africa in which she can use her nursing training to show them the love of God.*

# The Straight Dope

Unscramble the highlighted letters to identify the insightful Famous Republican.

HE'S GROWN LARGE 'N' CRAZED  
Only ones one Spanish phrase

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You care for nothing but shooting, dogs, and rat catching, and you will be a disgrace to yourself and all your family. Dr. Charles Darwin to his teenaged son, Charles Darwin.

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## Student organization of the week: Computer Science Club



PHOTO BY DEAN LEE

Computer Science Club members (left to right) Jarrod Thorwardson, Matthew Long, and Joshua Long play games while talking to the other members.

By **DEAN LEE**  
Features Editor

The computer science club offers a range of unique activities to gamers and programmers on campus.

In the first minutes of the meeting is the information session, which is when a member talks about something new that they found or something that is new in the tech world.

After the information session the club goes into the recent club activities session. During the discussion many new and old ideas and activities will come up.

The club may talk about one of their fundraising opportunities, which involves the eggbot. The eggbot is a device that draws on an egg or a Ping-Pong ball. It is also one of their biggest fundraisers.

For one dollar a person can get their image on a Ping-Pong ball.

The computer science club found software that would allow the robot to draw any image in any different color on the ball or egg.

Next the club could talk about any new trips to coding competitions that they could go to.

For instance, in the past they went to East Stroudsburg for a 24-hour coding competition. The goal is to complete a given problem with coding in 24 hours.

Some club members in the past also went to MHacks out in Michigan.

MHacks is another coding competition for

college level competitors. "Coding is only half the battle, coming up with the solution is where the work is," Secretary Tara Warriner said.

This year the club will host their own coding competition. It will be held on March 25th.

The competition will be open to any Mansfield University student in any major.

The club may also talk about the game nights that they host. The game nights are hosted every third Friday.

At the parties the club either hosts a LAN party or a game night. The LAN parties are games that are played on the computer against each other via a local area network(LAN).

The game nights are held in Oak Hall, the members of the club bring their own gaming consoles to play games.

Games include Mario brothers, Mario Cart, and Super Smash Bros. Some of the members have brought their Nintendo 64 and even their Sega.

The club also offers pizza and refreshments at the game nights. Some of the members even bring in their own baked goods, such as cookies.

The Computer Science club has about 28-30 members. The officers are as follows: President Dana Black, Vice President Eddie Austin, Treasurer Josh Long, Secretary Tara Warriner, and PR Ryan Smalley.

The organization is open to people from all majors and welcomes anyone to come on down to the game nights.

## Bridging the gap: Chasing summer, fighting winter

By **CHRISTOPHER BRIDGES**  
Flashlight Contributor

Looks like February is finally over. For the shortest month of the year it does a great imitation of the longest.

Somehow it was never Friday all week. It just kept being this week. I checked with others on campus and they confirmed this to be the case.

Concerned it was a local time warp, I called my mother in Cincinnati. She confirmed they have also been experiencing never-ending-February as well.

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have escaped in to the beauty of a March (April?) spring. Which brings us back to February.

I see members of our shared community struggling during this time of year. Students are quitting jobs and organizations, faculty and staff are throwing in the towel on projects that encountered more resistance than they should.

Rumors abound about the future of Mansfield University, rumors about friends and enemies, and rumors about all kinds of things (that I can't comment on) thanks to the magic of Twitter.

But.

Spring is around the corner. And hope resides within each of us.

As the ole' Persian Sufi poets used to say; February will pass, winter will pass. Or something like that- the king asks the wise guys to create a ring that will make him happy when he is sad, and vice versa. They go off, think, and hand him a ring with the words "This too will pass" etched on it.

I find that ring helpful to remember

when I am in a tough spot, or a tough month.

These challenges that surround us will pass. Whatever happens, we will emerge out the other side.

We can worry and fret, and dwell in sadness. Or we can look around, see others struggling and put our energies into lifting them up.

Funny thing is that when we work to lift others, we rise together. There was a cardboard sign up in lower Manser for a while, "Be kind, for everyone is fighting their own battle."

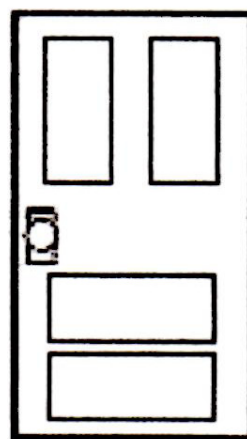
We don't know what the battle is, but we know it is happening, and that we share the experience of battle with our fellow Mounties.

So, in summary for this week- remember you aren't alone, remember winter always ends, and pick up a battle axe and fight alongside a friend.

Finally, give your mother a call, she is going through winter too.



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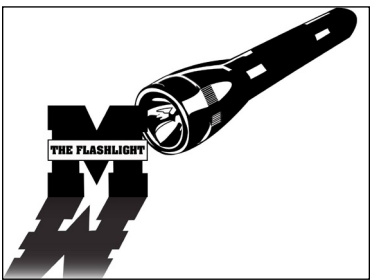
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Have a suggestion for next week's student organization of the week? Contact Dean Lee at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu).

Opinion

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& Editorial



Can you solve the fish problem?

Einstein wrote this riddle last century and said that 98% of the world’s population would not be able to solve it.

I struggled with this one for a while. Can you solve it? This one will challenge your ability to logic you way through problems. Are you the 2%?

- There are 5 houses that are each a different colour.
- There is a person of a different nationality in each house.
- The 5 owners drink a certain drink. They each smoke a certain

brand of cigarettes and also have a certain pet. No owner has the same pet, smokes the same brand of cigarettes nor drinks the same drink.

- The question is. “**Who has the fish?**”

**Clues**

1. The British man lives in the red house.
2. The Swedish man has a dog for a pet.
3. The Danish man drinks tea.
4. The green house is to the left

of the white house.

5. The owner of the green house drinks coffee.
6. The person that smokes Pall Mall has a bird.
7. The owner of the yellow house smokes Dunhill.
8. The person that lives in the middle house drinks milk.
9. The Norwegian lives in the first house.
10. The person that smokes Blend, lives next to the one that has a cat.
11. The person that has a horse lives next to the one that smokes

Dunhill.

12. The one that smokes Bluemaster drinks beer.
13. The German smokes Prince.
14. The Norwegian lives next to a blue house.
15. The person that smokes Blend, has a neighbour that drinks water.

**I’ve provided five boxes to serve as your houses, and some room to use for notes. Good luck!**

**-Bryan**

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# Book Review: *Earthcore* by Scott Sigler

By DAN MASON  
*Flashlight Advisor*

An old prospector finds the world's purest source of platinum.

The prospector is a millionaire. He sells his find to a ruthless mining company for more millions and a percentage of the profits. The mining company insists he help with the mining.

The world's greatest mining engineer teams up with the world's greatest gadget maker who works for the world's greatest mining company, to dig three miles beneath the surface of the earth to find the world's largest source of platinum.

The world's greatest spy, who is also the world's greatest assassin, who was expelled from the world's greatest spy agency, who wants to get back into the world's greatest spy agency, finds out about the find and starts torturing and killing people so she can tell the world's greatest spy agency about the aliens who are the real source of the platinum and get her old job back as the world's greatest spy in the world's greatest spy agency.

The world's greatest archeologist and her mentor are summoned from South America to the mining site because someone finds an oddly curved knife that resembles an oddly curved knife the world's greatest archeologist found in South America.

All this takes place in the world's greatest state: Utah. (Okay, I made that part up. It just takes place in Utah.)

For some reason, instead of getting cooler and wetter as they dig into the ground, these mountains get warmer to the point where an unprotected human can't survive. To battle the heat the world's greatest gadget maker, whose name is Kuhl, invents the Kuhl suit which keeps one cool.

When people start into the mine they find a mysterious pasta-pile of interlocking tunnels. Fortunately they have a seismic GPS-like device that helps them map the cave and find their way underground. (This is one of the few ingenious devices in a story replete with implausibilities.)

For some reason the aliens are hostile. They have been underground for thousands of years. Their space ship is underground with them. It's made of...wait for it...you guessed it...Platinum! The aliens, which vaguely resemble octopi, which the author cleverly names rocktopi, are hostile. It seems that burying aliens for thousands of years, even though they have an artificial sun, turns them into primitives, and everyone knows that primitives are savages.

Linguistic note: The author starts calling one creature, which resembles an octopus, a "rocktopus." This is clever. He calls a group of

such creatures "rocktopi." This is linguistically sensible. Unfortunately, after calling the first rocktopi [sic.] a rocktopus, he finishes the story referring to all the aliens, single specimens and groups as "rocktopi." This is linguistically idiotic and jarring to the reader who spends the rest of the novel wondering why.

Anyway, after hundreds of pages, the reader finally meets the aliens. Conveniently the aliens wipe out all but the important characters, so the author doesn't have to keep writing about the hoi polloi, which is good since there are many "main" characters to keep track of already.

In the end the world's greatest spy gets her comeuppance. All but a couple of the good guys get blown up when another of the good guys detonates a nuclear bomb near the aliens. No one wins. Few survive. It's sad.

Sigler worked hard to write a good story. He has an imagination but doesn't know how to write. He knows he's supposed to "Show, don't tell," but he doesn't know how to show. He relies on forced similes. The most often used word in the book is "like," as in, silver bugs (The primitive aliens have highly advanced robots.) swarmed over something "like maggots on a week-old dog's corpse."

There are several problems with this simile. First problem: I have never seen maggots on a corpse. Consequently the simile doesn't

help me understand what's going on. It doesn't show me anything.

The second problem is that it's distracting. Instead of paying attention to the story, I'm wondering, "Do maggots swarm differently on dog corpses than horse or giraffe corpses?"

Finally, I'm grossed out by the whole concept. This is supposed to be a horror story. I'm not horrified, I'm disgusted. I'm disgusted like when a doctor tells me that my insurance won't cover the shot I just received and a tall, red-headed, left-handed nurse will have to bite my shoulder and suck out the medicine unless I pay cash on the spot.

Another problem with the writing was the language used by the characters. Many of the characters were the smartest or best person in their fields. I have met some smart people. I have never heard any of them scream at a coworker, let alone call a someone a "maternally-incestuous fellator." I have never heard anyone call a coworker a "fellingating female body part."

I spent four years in the infantry. No one in the infantry, not even my drills in basic training, ever addressed a soldier in such a manner. In the army it would have been a court martial offense. It would be a firing offense at any job I've ever had. Hearing such language from such people was not credible.

<p><b>ARIES</b></p> <p><b>March 21 - April 19</b></p> <p>It's a great day to push for something new — your drive for success is powerful! You may find it easier to work on your own, as most of your people are neck-deep in their own issues.</p>	<p><b>CANCER</b></p> <p><b>June 22 - July 22</b></p> <p>You may not feel all that gregarious today, so don't worry too much about your social life. In fact, you may just want to hide out today, as things could get pretty contentious over trivial issues.</p>	<p><b>LIBRA</b></p> <p><b>September 23 - October 22</b></p> <p>You have got to dip into your past to understand the present and prepare for the future. Things should get a lot more interesting soon, but for now, your energy is best spent sifting through memories.</p>	<p><b>CAPRICORN</b></p> <p><b>December 22 - January 19</b></p> <p>Your positive attitude helps you celebrate in style when all your plans coalesce around something new and awesome. Your plans have come together in the best possible way — you deserve it!</p>
<p><b>TAURUS</b></p> <p><b>April 20 - May 20</b></p> <p>You need to indulge your earthy side, so eat hearty foods, get out in nature and do whatever it takes to reconnect with your animal nature. It's fun and it should liberate your energy.</p>	<p><b>LEO</b></p> <p><b>July 23 - August 22</b></p> <p>Your confidence is appealing — but can sometimes come across as arrogance. Today you need to make sure that you're not crossing that line, especially at work or in job interviews.</p>	<p><b>SCORPIO</b></p> <p><b>October 23 - November 21</b></p> <p>Willpower is vital today, so make sure that you're pushing ahead with whatever needs to be done. Don't let anyone stand in your way, or you may find that they've stolen your mojo.</p>	<p><b>AQUARIUS</b></p> <p><b>January 20 - February 18</b></p> <p>It's easier than you think to break the rules today — but it's even easier to get caught! See if you can deal with your people in a way that can keep everyone on the same page. Restrictions are important now.</p>
<p><b>GEMINI</b></p> <p><b>May 21 - June 21</b></p> <p>Life gets a little bit weirder today — so make sure that you're on top of it. You may find that things are more difficult than you had thought they would be at first, but you can manage to find a way.</p>	<p><b>VIRGO</b></p> <p><b>August 23 - September 22</b></p> <p>Your easy flow of energy may come out in unusual ways today — in fact, you might want to watch what you say around those with delicate egos. Your criticism could come across as an attack.</p>	<p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b></p> <p><b>November 22 - December 21</b></p> <p>You need to express yourself more clearly — otherwise, you're sure to fall behind today. Don't worry about your latest shenanigans, as you have to be true to yourself to make things happen.</p>	<p><b>PISCES</b></p> <p><b>February 19 - March 20</b></p> <p>You've got people who can help you today — no matter what problems you face. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance, even if things look pretty terrible. You may stumble onto something great!</p>

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# Men's basketball ends season with loss to Bloomsburg

By **TOM PASSMORE**

*Sports Writer*

The Mountaineer men's basketball team finished up their "disappointing year" according to coach Rich Miller with a win and a loss on senior day.

In the first game against Shippensburg, Mansfield and Shippensburg played nearly identical in the first half with Mansfield shooting 53% in the first half, and leading 40-37.

In the second half, Mansfield went back and forth, losing and regaining the lead until less than seven minutes to play. Mansfield went on a 10-0 run and lead 71-62 with under five minutes to play.

Shippensburg, however, wouldn't go away as they would go on a run of their own, but Mansfield would never surrender the lead

and would win 80-77 after a missed three-pointer by Joe Locco would seal the win for Mansfield.

Joel Bell and Brady Burke combined for 41 points in the win as well as Junior Forward Charles Pemberton recording his ninth double double of the season with 14 points and 14 rebounds in the win.

The win put Mansfield a ½ game out of a playoff spot with one game to go against Bloomsburg. The game against Bloomsburg, at home on senior day, didn't go as planned.

Mansfield stormed out to a 13-3 lead at home and continued their inspired play with a nine-point lead heading in to halftime.

Mansfield surrendered the lead in the second half after fending off an early Bloomsburg run and then going up 15 with under 12 minutes to play.

After Bloomsburg called a timeout with

11:45 remaining, Bloomsburg went on a 23-4 run to end the game as Mansfield would end up losing 89-80 to knock them out of the playoff race.

Pemberton broke the single season block record for the Mountaineers finishing with 63 blocks on the season. This mark eclipsed the old record of 59 set by Rick Sabec.

Mansfield finished the season with a record of 8-18 and 6-10 in the PSAC.

"[Bell and Pemberton] did a nice job for us all year," Miller said.

Mansfield will look to recruit quality players this offseason and come back strong next year.

"We definitely improved late in the year," Miller said. The team strung some wins together by going 4-2 in the last six games and having a shot at the playoffs.



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Charles Pemberton recorded six blocks in the game to break the school single season record with 63 blocks on the season

## Mansfield holds off Post to earn split on the day

Marshal Kiessling roped a bases-loaded triple and Mitch Iseneker earned a win in relief to lead Mansfield past Post 6-5 in game two after falling to Mercyhurst 8-2 in the opener on Sunday afternoon at the Dinwiddie County Sports Complex.

Post scored in the top of the first, but Mansfield answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the frame to take the early lead. Seth Tressler scored the first run from third on a throwing error caused by Eric Schanzenbacher stealing second base. Anthony Renz drove in the second run of the inning on a sacrifice fly to score Schanzenbacher.

After a pair of scoreless innings, Post added another run in the sixth, but the Mountaineers answered again when Stanton Tentnowski scored Max Miller on a double to right field to make it 3-2 in Mansfield's favor.

The Eagles added their third run of the game in the sixth inning, but Mansfield scored three runs in the bottom half to jump out to a 6-3 lead. Kiessling drove in all three runs with a bases-clearing triple down the right field line scoring Miller, Westyn Baylor and Schanzenbacher.

Post rallied for two runs in the ninth, but all hopes of a come-from-behind victory were dashed when closer Jeremy Mapstone struck out the final batter to give Mansfield the win. Mapstone sat down four batters in 2.0 innings of work to earn his second save of the weekend.

Iseneker pitched 3.2 innings of relief to earn his first win of the season. The senior allowed just two hits and one earned run while striking out five batters.

Laurence Marsach took the loss for Post.

The Eagles had seven hits in the game, but also recorded three errors.

The win gave the Mountaineers a split on the day and improved their record to 2-2.

In the opener, Mercyhurst scored three runs in the first inning and added another in the third to hold a 4-0 lead early. The Mountaineers hung two runs on the board in the top of the sixth, but the Lakers answered back with a pair of their own to make it 6-2. Mercyhurst scored two insurance runs in the eighth inning.

Tressler was pushed home after a bases-loaded walk to score Mansfield's first run before Brandon Miller was brought in on a Renz groundout to short.

Giancarlo Saia had a two-run homer in the eighth and recorded three runs and three RBIs on the day to lead the Lakers offensively.

Starting Pitcher Jon Corbi earned the win, pitching 5.0 innings with two strikeouts and one earned run.

Baylor took the loss for the Mounties. Matt Engler struck out three batters in 3.2 innings of relief work.

Mansfield travels to St. Augustine's in Raleigh, N.C. for three games next weekend.

## February's Athlete of the Month



**Mike Robinson**

Robinson set school records in the men's mile, 3,000 meters, 800 meters, and 1,000 meters events. Robinson set PSACs marks in the mile, the 600 meters and the 1,000 meters.

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## Women’s basketball records second ever winless season

By **DAVID BARR**  
*Sports Editor*

Mansfield lost to Shippensburg and Bloomsburg to close out the second winless season in program history.

“I believe in this program,” women’s basketball coach Alison Tagliaferri said. “We showed what we are capable of. We are going to rebound.”

Against Shippensburg, Mansfield maintained a single-digit deficit for the majority of the first half before the Lady Red Raiders went on a 6-0 run to increase their lead to 41-29 at the half.

Despite outscoring Shippensburg in the second half, and cutting the lead to a single point with 9:17 left in the half, Mansfield couldn’t overcome their halftime deficit and lost 82-72.

Katie Fitzpatrick had a game-high 26 points but it wasn’t enough to help Mansfield knock off Shippensburg. Two other Mounties had double-digit scoring totals. Alyssa DeRichie had 12 points and Megan McSwain had 11 points for Mansfield.

Mansfield had one final opportunity to make sure they didn’t go winless this season. Their final game on Senior Day was against



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Jenna Matter ended her career 11th on the all-time scoring list in women’s basketball history.

the Bloomsburg Huskies. The Huskies came in with a 20-3 overall record and an 11-3 PSAC East record.

Bloomsburg held an early 10-3 lead with 14:19 left in the first half but Mansfield responded by going on 17-9 run to take the lead 20-19 with 6:53 left in the half.

The Huskies closed the half with a 13-4 run to go up 32-24 at the break. In the second half, Shippensburg led by as much as 18 points before walking away victorious.

In her final game as a Mountianeer, Jenna Matter led the team with 16 points, leaving her with 1,073 career points, good enough for

11th on the all-time scoring list.

Matter described the emotion of leaving the court for the final time as “bittersweet.”

“I wouldn’t want it any other way, except for more wins,” Matter said.

Megan McSwain and Alyssa DeRichie joined Matter in scoring double-digit points, with McSwain recording 14 points and DeRichie had 11 points in the season finale.

Even though the season was a disappointment, the team “stuck together as a family” and “had each other’s backs,” according to DeRichie.

“We need to all get on the same page and learn from it,” DeRichie said of the trying 2013-2014 season.

If there is one thing that could be seen as a positive for this season, it’s that the team is only losing one senior, Matter, this year. The rest of the squad is returning next year with a bitter taste in their mouths and a new crop of incoming players that, according to Coach Tagliaferri, “will help right away.”

Hopefully, the returning players will use this season as motivation to rebound next year and make Mansfield basketball a force to be reckoned with for years to come.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
27	28	1 -Baseball @ St. Augustine’s University 1:00 p.m. (DH) -Softball @ Wilmington University -Track and Field @ PSAC Indoor Championships	2 -Baseball @ St. Augustine’s University 1:00 p.m. -Softball @ Goldey-Beacom College 1:00 p.m. (DH)	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12



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## Student Life hosts the university's first annual Leadership Celebration



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Honorees stood with their nominators: (L-R) Robert Maris, Stephanie Richards, Jonathan Rothermel, Trevor White, Jeffrey Bosworth, Colton Long, Associate VP Chris Bridges, Steve McCloskey, Ryan McNamara. Jason White was unable to attend.

By **NICK DOAN**  
*Flashlight Writer*

The first annual Mansfield University Leadership Celebration was held in North Manser Thursday February 27.

The Leadership Celebration was hosted by student life to recognize good deeds done by students and faculty during their time at Mansfield University. Seventy-eight members of the University's staff and students were nominated by their peers to be recognized at the celebration. Nominees were put into four categories, character, culture, scholarship, and service.

"It's a great opportunity to showcase a lot of the great leadership things students have done here that sometimes go unnoticed." Trevor Clark, SGA vice president and top

nominee for culture said. "It's a great display of leadership, what the university prides itself on."

The top nominees in each category were given special recognition during the ceremony. Five people were chosen, one nominee from each category with two nominees, both professors, in the scholarship category. These nominees included Stephanie Richards, a student recognized for character, Associate Professor Jeffrey Bosworth and Assistant Professor Jonathan Rothermel, both of whom work in the History and Political Science Department, for scholarship, Trevor Clark, vice president of the SGA, for culture, and Steve McCloskey, director of Athletic Operations and Information, for service.

Professor Bosworth and

professor Rothermel where both nominated by Colton Long, a political science major.

"They both worked equally hard," he said. "It only seemed fair to nominate both of them. It's good to recognize hard work."

Stephanie Richards is a biology major who, according to biology professor, Dr. Robert Maris, "is a leader at a level of her own, who lives all four parts of the Mansfield Creed daily through example."

Trevor Clark is the vice president of the SGA and the student credited with starting the "#LoveMU" trend back in September that has since become a symbol for the campus community.

Steve McCloskey is the director of Athletic Operations and Information who played a major role in organizing the "Light It Up

Again" celebration and events last semester.

This was Mansfield University's first leadership celebration, but it won't be the last. "This is a new annual tradition." Dr. Christopher Bridges, dean of students and associate vice president of Student Life said.

Dr. Bridges was one of the main people who helped come up with the leadership celebration, and was "pleasantly surprised" by how well it turned out.

"I think it went great," Bridges said, after the ceremony. "We had seventy-eight nominees and over one hundred people in attendance."


The event is also predicted to expand in the future. "Now that Student Life's gotten their feet wet,

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Weekly Weather

Friday

Mostly Sunny


High:40 Low:23

Saturday

Cloudy


High:45 Low:22

Sunday

Partly Cloudy


High:36 Low:24

Monday

Cloudy


High:46 Low:29

Tuesday

Mostly Cloudy


High:43 Low:19

Wednesday

Snow Shower

High:34 Low:16

Thursday

Snow

High:29 Low:14

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# Info-To-Go Campus Bulletin Board

- Brent Green animation and sound intallation artist’s work is on view in Allen Hall at the Loomis Gallery. Hours 10 am-6 pm M-F; weekends by appointment. Live musical performance in Steadman Hall Thurs. March 13th 7-9 pm, free admission.
- The Mansfield University of Les Miserables will continue presenting on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, March 9 at 2:30 pm in Straughn Auditorium.  
Tickets are available online at <http://www2.mansfield.edu/theatre/> or at the door one hour prior to show time.
- Mansfield University English Professor Ed Kozaczka will give a lecture titled “Queer Anarchies” on Tuesday, March 11 at 4 pm in Allen Hall. Ed is a Mansfield University Alum, class of 2007.
- Mansfield University is looking to fill Tutor & Mentor Positions for the 2014 Summer Gateway program. For more information or an application, contact Noelle Smith at [nsmith@mansfield.edu](mailto:nsmith@mansfield.edu).

Applications are due no later than March 10th.

- A reminder that Daylight Saving Time (DST) begins on Sunday, March 9th, so when you go to bed on Saturday night March 8th, you can set your clock ahead or “Spring Forward”.  
A little DST fact - Arizona, Hawaii, the US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa do not observe Daylight Saving Time.
- The deferred payment due date is Monday, March 10th. Please log into your my.mansfield account and view your statement for Spring 14. Any balance due should be paid by March 10th regardless of whether you opted for the Deferred Payment Plan or not. Late Fees will be assessed on March 11th.  
Any students with balances will not be able to register for summer classes beginning March 10th or fall classes beginning April 14th.  
You can make a payment on WebAdvisor, over the phone at 570-662-4411 or visit our office at 224 South Hall.
- Congratulations to the following students who were drawn as the winners of the fall Piggy Bank Challenge: Michael Brennan - \$50 Bookstore Gift Card; Sierra Blake - \$25 Sheetz Gift Card; Candace Kratzer - \$15 Papa V’s Gift Card . The winner of the group challenge is Campus Ministries. Thank you to everyone who participated! Keep an eye out for the Piggy Bank Challenge to return in the fall!

# POLICE BEAT

- **Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -**
- 3/1/14- Tanesha Stanford, 20, was found under the influence of alcohol in Hickory Manor, room 049. Stanford was found during the

investigation of a fire alarm activation. She was referred to campus judicial for the violation.

-3/1/14- Police received a call for alleged alcohol poisoning on the 4th floor of Spruce Dormitory. A citation was filed against Nicholas Hibshman, 18, Marquise Isaacrivers, 20, Thomia McCullm, 19, and Tyneshah Samuels, 18, for underage consumption of alcoholic beverages. A referral was also forwarded to campus judicial.

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## The University Theater Department to perform Les Miserables

By **ZACH ROSSETTI**  
*Special to The Flashlight*

The Mansfield University Theater Department will be performing *Les Miserables* from March 6 to March 9 in Straughn Auditorium.

*Les Miserables* was written by Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil. The musical is set in 19th century France. It is the story of Jean Valjean, a French peasant, and his quest for redemption after serving 19 years in jail for stealing a loaf of bread for his starving sister's child. Shortly after being released, Valjean decides to break his parole and start a new life while being pursued by an inspector named Javert.

On his quest to continue living life in peace, Valjean and crew are swept into the June Rebellion, where a group of young rich idealists take their final stand upon a barricade in the streets of France.

Over 75 Mansfield University students will perform.

"I'm amazed when walking into rehearsal due to the amount of talent that is showcased in this show," Ben Eisenhower said. Eisenhower plays Jean Valjean.

"The cast has such an incredible love for this show and work well together," Rae Rosenbayger said. Rosenbayger shares the role of Fantine with Sarah Polinski.

Levine, who splits the role of Javert with Lucas Lourenco, said that he puts in about "10-15 hours" of rehearsal time.

"This show allows the cast to get out of our comfort zones and portray feelings and emotions that usually aren't felt when performing on stage," Connor Crone said.

Crone plays the role of Enjolras.

Mansfield University Music Director Sheryl Monkelién and two Mansfield University alumni, O. David Dietz and Peter Davis, are directing the show. Mansfield University students Gloria Troost and Melissa Netzband are the student stage managers.

The production of *Les Miserables* marks the final production in Straughn Auditorium prior to its renovation during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Straughn auditorium was constructed in 1931 under the administration of Professor William R. Straughn, the first president of Mansfield State Teachers College. During its 83-year history, the building has been home to many performances and productions.

To preserve the legacy of Dr. Straughn's contribution to Mansfield University, the Straughn auditorium renovation will begin at the end of this academic year. In concept, design, and operation, the renovation will represent the most current technology while creating a space that will benefit students, artists, and audiences. The architectural integrity of the 1931 Art Deco architectural inspiration will be preserved.

According to Dr. Monkelién, the newly renovated theatre is scheduled to open in May 2015.

*Les Miserables*, will be reopening on Broadway shortly after the performances at Mansfield University.

The cost to attend the show is \$10 for student and \$15 for adults. Students who attend Mansfield University are free with student ID. Tickets can also be ordered online at [music.mansfield.edu](http://music.mansfield.edu).

## SGA fails to submit budget; Admissions to host Accepted Student Day



By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Mansfield University Student Government Association (SGA) President Joshua Gibson said he failed to propose a budget during the SGA meeting on Tuesday, March 4.

Treasurer Jason White was out for a family emergency during the last two weeks and, according to Gibson, the failure to have a budget submitted was due to miscommunication between the two.

"It was my responsibility to submit the budget while [White] was out," Gibson said.

Men for Progress representative Laquan Magruder suggested an extension on the deadline for budget submissions because there were technical and grammatical errors with the paperwork.

According to Senator Alex Farley, the budget would not be entertained at the Committee on Finance (CoF) budget meeting because the meetings are being held Saturday.

"SGA holds other [organizations] accountable for submitting their budgets," Mansfield International Student Organization representative Justin Sanna said, "but we don't hold ourselves accountable to the same standards."

The deadline for student organization budgets was Feb. 24.

"If it were any other organization they wouldn't have a budget," White said. "But it's SGA and SGA does whatever it wants."

Assistant Director of Enrollment Services Janet Yoder gave a presentation on an upcoming "Accepted Student Day."

"This will familiarize accepted students with academics and student organizations," Yoder said.

Students who have been accepted for enrollment for the Fall 2014 semester will have the opportunity to come to Mansfield University to participate in several events.

One event will be a "student auction," where student organizations can "bribe" or "bid on" the incoming students to have them become a temporary member of the

organization for the day. This will allow the incoming students to get a feel for what student organizations can offer, and, according to Yoder, may increase student interest in student organizations.

The "Mountie Fair" will be held and will host several games such as a human board game, a geocaching activity, trivia, and an athletic event.

The Accepted Student Day will be a one-day event and will be held on Saturday, April 26. Student clubs can help by aiding in organizing the event or by participating in the student auction.

Comedian Aziz Ansari will be performing for Mansfield, according to Vice President Trevor Clark. Ansari plays Tom Haverford on NBC's show "Parks and Recreation" and will be touring for his standup show "Buried Alive" from March to May.

Clark gave a presentation to persuade SGA to reallocate \$5,000 from SGA's lobby day materials allocated funds to fund the band New Politics to perform for Mansfield University during Spring Fling. The motion to do so passed. New Politics is an alternative rock / pop rock / dance rock band from Copenhagen, Denmark.

Tori Malatesta and Rebeca Adams will be running unopposed for president and vice president, respectively. No new nominations are being accepted for the 2014-15 academic year. Elections will be held on April 4.

Since there is no opponent to Malatesta and Adams, only one vote is needed. Candidates may vote for themselves.

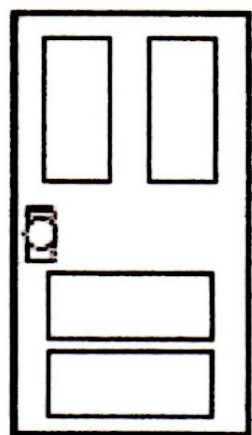
Parliamentarian Colton Long had looked into getting voting booths for the election. Since there is one ticket, "SGA Executive board is debating the issue," Long said.

SGA will be hiring a third party consulting company to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the wireless performance on campus, according to Director of Information and Technology Dillon Mulroy. \$3,200 was reallocated from the downtown development earmark account for this purpose.

SGA talked with MUTV president Kirstie Sweeney about streaming the weekly SGA meetings. Mulroy said this would not be possible unless the meetings were held in the MUTV studio.

MUTV might start filming the meetings and include the important parts in a segment during their broadcasts, according to Mulroy.

The next SGA meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in 307 Alumni.



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# BSU ends February with their Black History Month dinner

By **KATIE CRANE**  
*News Editor*

The Black Students Union held a Black History Month dinner on Sunday, March 2. The dinner was originally supposed to occur Friday February 28. “A scheduling conflict with North Manser prevented us from having the dinner that Friday,” BSU public relations director Jajhira Herbert said. There was also supposed to be a mock million man march before the dinner, however, weather did not allow the group to meet in south hall mall. To replace the march, attendees stood while BSU President, Laquan Magruder read a passage. Every time he said the word “step,” everyone had to take a step towards the middle of the room. By the end of the passage, everyone was in the center, joining hands in unity. The BSU Soul Sophisticated dance team performed a tribute to Josephine Baker as well as Beyonce. After dinner, the keynote speaker Darrick Rizzo spoke. Rizzo is a motivational speaker,

author and entrepreneur originally from a poor neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York. He spoke about turning pain into something positive. “Everyone has pain and obstacles that they have to overcome,” Rizzo said. Rizzo had to deal with the death of his sisters and one of his best friends as well as the open adoption of his son that turned out different than expected. Rizzo gave students the opportunity to win \$20 from him. He recalled his college days in which he had nothing. His mother worked hard to get \$20 to give to him. “She gave her last \$20 to me,” Rizzo said. This was his way of paying it forward. He chose winners by the number on the back of the handout given at the beginning of the dinner. Darrick Rizzo will be releasing a book on his life in the near future. It includes a section by football player, Michael Orr and the woman that adopted his son. BSU held other activities for the month of February. They include a film series, a def poetry jam and a “my hair is beautiful” hair demo.

# Comedian Aziz Ansari will perform at the end of April

Comedian Aziz Ansari will perform at Mansfield University. Comedian Aziz Ansari will bring his “Modern Romance” tour to Mansfield University’s Decker Gymnasium on Sunday, April 27 at 8 p.m. Doors will open at 7 p.m. One of the stars of the hit NBC comedy Parks and Recreation, Ansari is also one of the hottest stand-up comedians working today. His last tour, “Dangerously Delicious,” in the summer of 2013 sold out many of the venues he performed at. On Parks and Recreation, now in its sixth season, Ansari plays Tom Haverford, Amy Poehler’s sarcastic and underachieving subordinate who considers himself an entrepreneur. In addition to his TV and stand-up work, Ansari has appeared in several feature films, including Funny People, I Love You, Man, Observe and Report, and 30 Minutes or Less. “Azi Ansari is one of today’s hottest stand-up comedians, selling out larger theatres and performing arts venues across the entire country,” Steve Plesac, director of Student Activities and Student Programming, said. “We began the process of trying to confirm a concert date with him for Mansfield back in June of 2013, and our persistence has finally paid off and will soon bring great dividends to the campus and surrounding communities in the way of a great evening of top-notch entertainment. We are so very pleased to be able to bring this big name talent to our students, the MU community and all our good friends and neighbors in the surrounding communities of Pennsylvania and New York”. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, March 5 at the MU Campus Bookstore in Alumni Hall, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or on-line at tix.com Tickets are \$5 for MU students, \$15 for MU employees and alumni and \$25 for the general public. All tickets are general admission, with limited floor seating and bleacher seating. The concert is sponsored by the Mansfield Activities Council (MAC) and the Student Activities Office (SAO). It is supported by student activity fees.

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7 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM Les Miserables	8 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday Visit  1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Ashley Peters, Senior Flute Recital  7:30 PM - 10:30 PM Les Miserables	9 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Alissa Rose and Nancy Boston, Faculty Voice Recital  2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Les Miserables	10 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM On-campus Recruiter: Frito Lay/PepsiCo  8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Nav Night	11 8:30 AM - 1:15 PM Prattsburgh Central School Bus Trip  Various Times Bible Study	12 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Admissions Office hosts a Regional Reception in Harrisburg, PA	13 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Shale Speaker Series
14 12:00 PM - 12:00 PM Express Bus Departure	15 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM real estate Pre-License Courses  8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Nav Night!	16	17 Spring Break	18 Spring Break  Various Times Bible Study	19 Spring Break	20 Spring Break



# Domination surprises students with secret fashion show

By **KATIE CRANE**  
*News Editor*

Domination modeling group members performed a flash mob style fashion show in Upper Manser Tuesday February 25 at 6 p.m.

Co-founders Elexis Roie-Smith and Aisha Mawusi choreographed the entire event.

“The executive board of Domination came up with the idea of doing a flash mob in Upper [Manser] last semester,” Mawusi said. “It didn't take long to plan.”

Those performing had to wear their Domination T-shirts under jackets, sweaters and hoodies to hide the event from students in the dining hall.

"We wanted this event to surprise students and others on campus," Roie-Smith said. "Domination was trying to make their presence on campus known."

Executive board members had to talk to the supervisor in Manser to get permission to use the speakers and access to the space for practice.

We plan on doing more flash mob fashion shows in the future, maybe somewhere else, who knows," Mawusi said.

Domination is a modeling group created for men and women of all ethnicities at the university. This modeling group supports and raises money for children diagnosed with sickle cell anemia, a prevalent disease in the African American community.

Board members of Domination include



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(L-R) Kiara Medley, Jaquay Lundy and Tiara Pendleton pose for the close of the show.

President Elexis Roie-Smith, Vice President Aisha Mawusi, and Treasurer Shadonna Washington. Kiana Medley is the Events Coordinator. Jordan Boothe is the set designer, public relations director and walk coach.

“One of my major duties is to perfect the models’ walks on the catwalk.”

For each show, Boothe's job is interior design. "I do any and everything from lights

to decorations to runway,” Boothe said.

The next major show for Domination is Saturday April 19 in 307 Alumni. The overall theme of the show is Barbie.

Domination is collaborating with the Black Students Union to make it an all weekend event.

"The theme will be fashion weekend," BSU Vice President, Serena Chapman said.

BSU's fashion show will be Friday April 18, the day before Domination's show.

"We're looking to go all out," Boothe said. We want this show to be much larger than our last show. People should come out, dance and enjoy themselves. This will be no traditional fashion show."

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this event will expand,” said Josh Gibson, president of student life.

“There’s no down side to recognizing people for what they’ve done.”

Dr. Bridges did say, however, that next year there will be a limit to the text field in the nomination forms.

Francis Hendricks, president of Mansfield University also attended. "I think it was a fantastic celebration for the campus community and our creed in action," he said. "You read these placards and see what is going on here and it's just amazing."

The total cost of the celebration was about \$1,000 according to Ruth Hermansen, who works at Student Life and helped put the whole event together. She said that a lot of the money was spent on the food arrangements. Student Life paid for the celebration and the food was provided by Sodexo, the same company that provides much of the food

supplies on campus.

Students who wanted to nominate someone could do so on the Mansfield University website and could choose to remain anonymous. Nominations became available January 21 and had to be submitted by mid-February.

"It was really nice to have everyone recognized," Brianna Burkhart, captain of the Mansfield University cheerleaders. "It was a social event, so it wasn't too serious." Burkhart was nominated for service.

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# Book Review: *Under the Dome*, by Stephen King

By DAN MASON  
Flashlight Advisor

The people of Chester's Mill, Maine, are going about their business in October, 2009, when an impenetrable barrier cuts their community off from the rest of the world. They call it a dome, but it's boot-shaped, to conform to their city limits, rather than round. It's 47,000 feet high. It is sunk hundreds of feet into the earth. Cruise missiles can't scratch it.

Stuck Under the Dome is our hero, Dale Barbara, "Barbie" to his friends, an Iraq War vet turned short-order cook. He got into a fight with some of the local bullies. He was roughed up some and got mad, so he started proving that smart and trained can beat big and stupid. Then the police chief showed up and saved the bullies. The police chief knows what's going on and doesn't arrest anyone, but Barbie recognizes the better part of valor and is leaving town when the dome slams down cutting off his escape.

The rest of the characters are equally stereotypical. In fact, they are so stereotypical that who they are is less important than their names.

The Newspaper Editor, Julia Shumway, is a feisty busybody who knows a lot more than she tells about what goes on in town.

The Used Car Dealer, James "Big Jim" Rennie, Sr. is a bully who hides behind his religion to deal methamphetamine and kill people. He is so pious that he can only refer to Julia Shumway as a "rhymes with 'witch'." Big Jim is also Second Selectman on the town council. He is second because he doesn't want to be responsible for anything, so he hides behind the First Selectman.

First Selectman Andy Sanders is the local pharmacist. He is part of the religious triumvirate keeping the town alive by dealing Long Glass. He initially supplied the ingredients until the operation went international. By the time the Dome appears he is just one of the three who knows the secret of the town's success.

The Spoiled Rich Kid, James "Junior" Rennie, Jr. Junior starts the book by killing his best friend's girlfriend and hiding the body in her pantry. He later kills her best friend, hides the second body in the pantry and parties with the dead women from time to time. Junior is one of the thugs who fought with Barbie before the book started and is seeking revenge.

The Geek who Saves the Day, Joe "Scarecrow" McClatchey has lots of ideas. He teams up with Barbie and Julia to try to find a way to survive the dome.

There is a double handful of other characters rounding out the cast. Among them are: "Chef" Bushey, the Crank cook who



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A television miniseries based on "Under the Dome" premiered on June 24, 2013. A second 13-episode season has since been announced with Stephen King writing the first episode.

smokes too much of his own product and brings about the end of the world

Brenda Perkins, wife of Police Chief Perkins who dies in the first chapter

Chief Peter Randolph, the bully who becomes Chief of Police when Perkins dies

Rommie Burpee, the department store owner whose store has everything the good guys need to survive and prevail

Chester's Mill is a dying New England town struggling with a bad economy. There are no jobs. It has no industrial base. No one ever goes to Chester's Mill on purpose. There's no reason to.

When the dome appears, the town's mix of religious extremists/drug dealers/killers decide that god has chosen them to keep order. Besides, if they relinquish any authority, someone might find out about their Glass factory.

The outside world tries everything anyone can think of to help, but there is no way to affect the Dome. The President promotes Lieutenant Dale Barbara, "Barbie" to his friends, to Colonel Barbara, declares that Chester's Mill is under martial law and appoints Barbara as leader.

Since Barbie is an outsider, his promotion and appointment exacerbate the situation. If the book wasn't more than 1000 pages long, I'd say the situation quickly devolves into chaos.

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## Twenty-one years of boxing

By KATIE CRANE  
News Editor

The Mansfield University Boxing Club is officially twenty-one years old this semester.

The Boxing Club has been established at the university for twenty-one years now.

Head Coach, Dennis Garner, was asked by students to start the club during fall semester of 1992.

"[Mansfield University] was hesitant about funding us at first because it's a contact sport," Garner said.

There was also a misconception about the safety of the sport based on various movies during that time.

"Movies are one thing and real life is another," Garner said.

The club was finally approved by the university in the 1993 spring semester. The team then began competing February 1993. During the first match against Lock Haven University, Garner took four students to the University for Competition. Two won their fights and two lost. Coach Garner still remembers the student that was able to attend Nationals his first year on the team and the next year, he won silver at Nationals.

In order to go to Nationals, an athlete has to make it to the regional championship and win gold or silver.

"Mansfield University might be small as a school, but we have big heart. If we work hard we can go into battle with anyone," Garner said.

The boxing club usually has competitions in both the fall and spring semesters.



PHOTO BY KATIE CRANE

Jose Ortiz is wrapping his hands before putting his gloves on for practice.

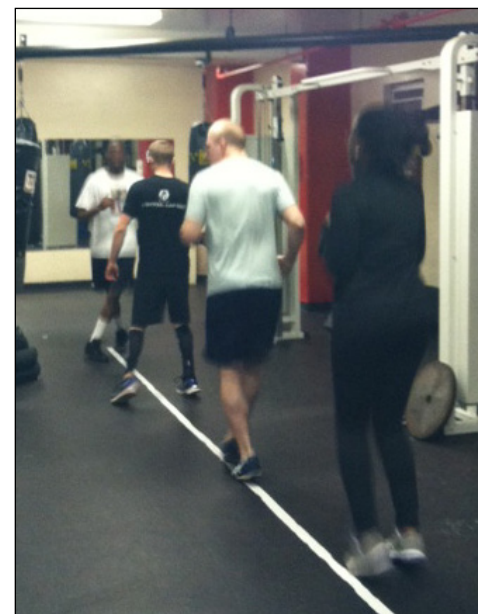


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[L to R] Jose Ortiz, Nate Fox, Cody Getz and Candice Wilkerson warm up by doing the "white line dance" in which they jump over the white line to get the heart rate up.

However, they have not been able to participate in any competitions this year because of a lack of funding.

Today, the boxing club has anywhere from ten to fifteen regular members. Yet, it remains an organization open to those that are serious about training, those that want to learn more about boxing and those just looking for a good workout.

"I joined this semester mostly to get in shape," member, Katie Groover said.

"I've been interested in boxing all my life and I finally joined [the boxing club] this semester," member, Cody Getz said.

Senior Jordan Hallock has been involved with the boxing club since his freshman year. "One of my friends was a coach, but I didn't officially join the team until September," Hallock said.

Dennis Garner has been the volunteer coach since 1992. Garner is a Mansfield University alumnus that graduated in 1979.

"I graduated the same year as the [Mansfield University] President," Garner said.

The assistant coach, Aaron Reardon, graduated from Mansfield University last year with a degree in nutrition.

"I was on the boxing team for four years," Reardon said. "I started with kickboxing at 8. I wanted to join [the boxing club] because it's similar to kickboxing, just no kicking obviously."

Reardon coaches on Mondays and Wednesdays. The boxing club meets every Monday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Maple A gym.

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# Student organization of the week: Enactus



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Enactus is an international organization encompasses thirty six countries.

By **DEAN LEE**  
Features Editor

There are always problems in the world, some which can be solved, some that cannot be solved.

If there is a problem that can be solved, Enactus will be the organization to do it. Enactus's goal is to empower other organizations and companies.

The idea is that Enactus will identify a problem, solve the problem, to empower a company or group to keep the solution going.

For instance, Enactus took a trip to the Tioga County Homeless Innovative. The organization talked to the people one-on-one to understand where they came from and to learn how to help them.

Enactus taught the homeless people how to build a resume and how to fill out job applications."

Enactus taught the homeless people how to build a resume, also to how to fill out job applications, and they also talked one on one to understand where the person came from and to help them in any way.

The organization plans on going back to the homeless shelter to teach some more skills to the homeless people. Some skills include interview skills, proper work attire, and entrepreneurship.

This year the organization will go to nationals. The organization will compete against all the other Enactus organizations around the United States.

The team will present all of their projects to Fortune Five-hundred companies, like State Farm, Sam's Club, Sysco and more.

"It is a great way to get to know some of these companies," Vice President Cody Shenk said. "During the competition, you get to hand out your resume in hopes that you can get an internship or a job with one of the companies."

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Enactus plans on making a trip to the Wellsboro Prison. The organization will help former inmates get a new start back into the world.

The organization will help former inmates get a new start back into the world, and will help current prisoners when they are released.

Enactus also does a campus cleanup event, in which the club goes around the campus and cleans up the cigarette butts that are lying on the ground.

The club houses 8 members. Enactus executive board consists of President Marquise Isaac-Rivers, Vice President Cody Shenk, Secretary Jarrett May-Johnson, Treasurer Richard Ruggiero, and Public Relations Alexis Colton.

"The more of a diverse organization we have, the more we can reach out to those in need of support, because we come from different branches," said Cody Shenk.

# Bridging the gap: Connecting to different cultures

By **CHRISTOPHER BRIDGES**  
Flashlight Contributor

These past couple of weeks I have been watching history unfold in Ukraine (note, it is *Ukraine* not the diminutive *The Ukraine*) and I thought it deserved at least a note here in the paper.

I had the good fortune to travel with college students on an Alternative Spring Break to Ukraine in 2007 in the midst of the fallout from the Orange Revolution.

The recent revolution is echoing concerns we saw in country back in 2007, with different parts of the country seeking stronger ties with either the EU or Russia.

It was (and clearly is) a divided country; we were cautioned to speak either Ukrainian or Russian depending on our location in country.

I fell in love with Ukraine and was amazed at how much I didn't know.

Like many countries outside the States, culture is celebrated; their currency featured poets and musicians, writers and artists, not just political leaders.

Ukraine was known as the "breadbasket" of Russia, yet over 7 million people died in the Ukraine "Great Famine" during the early 1930s when Soviet Russia starved them out.

They literally grew food for Soviet Russia but were denied it themselves. The students and I had our eyes opened to a whole new culture and met amazing people we will never forget.

Now we see Ukraine going through yet another revolution followed by what appears to be an invasion (note: some Ukrainians are welcoming Russia).

There have been a number of us who went on the "Ukraine trip" over the years watching events unfold.

The most sobering moment happened while in conversation about the orphans we stayed with in Kiev.

We shared that some were likely part of the rioting masses, then it was noted that many of these young men were more likely part of the police force fighting the revolutionaries.

Now, regardless of their role 2 weeks ago, they are all facing an incoming force from a

superpower.

To encourage Ukraine to give up its nuclear weapons the United States of America, Russia, and the United Kingdom signed the 1994 Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances, pledging to support Ukraine should its lands ever be invaded.

This would appear (at the date of this writing) to be violated by Russia.

There are hundred other world stories equally important (though perhaps not as pressing) as this one.

This one matters to me more because I was there. We can't understand other cultures until we visit them and it is doubtful we will care until we are impacted.

You don't have to travel to a foreign country to enlarge your world view, though that is not to be underrated (it's an actual option here on campus, you pay MU rates to attend a school for a semester in a different country!).

You can step outside your own culture here at Mansfield University.

Try a new club, attend Operation Ambition this April (a leadership development conference focused on cultural competency) right here on campus, or volunteer at a local shelter.

Stepping outside of your comfort zone will give you the opportunity to connect to different cultures and different people and give you the tools to better understand the world around you in the future.



*Dr. Bridges is AVP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Mansfield University. He has extensive experience changing brake pads, but never enough to remember the whole process without checking with his dad.*

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"from the editor's desk"

# Recap of MUTV trip to New York City

By DAVID BARR  
*Sports Editor*

Last week, I had the privilege of joining MUTV (Mansfield's campus television station, which airs its newscasts every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. on Channel 13 Blue Ridge), for a three-day trip to New York City.

Close to 20 students in all, chaperoned by communication professors Lohrey and McIntyre, were treated to tours of a radio station and television stations in the Big Apple.

After leaving at 8:30 a.m. on February 24, we arrived in New York around lunchtime and had enough time to drop our bags off at our rooms before we made our way to the home of CBS Radio.

There, we had the opportunity to tour the building and the different branches of the studio, which include WFAN, 1010 WINS, WCBS 880, WLNY 1055, and 92.3.

WFAN was one of our stops and two of our group members, Sarah Ryan and Kyle Thompson, got to go on air with the DJ Mike Francesa.

The last stop was in the booth for 92.3 NOW. We were able to talk to one of the DJs and learn what her day consisted of and what she enjoyed about her job.

After touring the radio station, we were allowed to explore the city on our own. Many of us chose to go to Little Italy, as it was within walking distance from the station.

Tuesday consisted of an early start as we were scheduled to go to *Good Morning America*. We had to be leaving the hotel by 5:30 p.m.

We got a quick guided tour of the dressing rooms before entering the studio, and watched as the anchors went over news stories and intros and promos for the show.

Our group then was led outside where we were supposed to participate in a segment called "Do It Over," but when it came time to execute it, the director decided to scrap it.

The special guest star who was helping with the "Do It Over" segment was country singer Dierks Bentley. Bentley's dressing room was one of the rooms we passed on our tour earlier that morning and we were just feet away from him, as he had his door propped open.

Tuesday afternoon was spent at the headquarters of ABC, where we got an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the studios, learning how news shows are run, and we got to see Diane Sawyer's desk for ABC's World News.

Wednesday morning was

spent at CBS's *The Bethenny Show*, hosted by Bethenny Frankel. Sitting in on a live talk show was exciting, as Bethenny's first guest was a comedian named Mike Epps. Epps was on *The Bethenny Show* to talk about his upcoming movie "Repentance."

The middle segment was a debate between working moms and stay-at-home moms. The debate was lively, engaging, and spirited, as both sides gave their point of view.

The final segment was a cooking demonstration for healthy snack options. The snack choice of the day was chocolate peanut butter nutrition bars. As a parting gift, everyone received a box of the nutrition bars on the way out.

The three days that we were in New York City were amazing and the experience itself was educational and fun. I highly recommend any and all communication students to at least consider attending the trip next year, should it be available.

You don't have to be a member of WNTE, MUTV, *The Flashlight* or PRSSA to attend the trip. You will learn a lot about the communication industry and you get to explore and experience New York City and get an excused absence from class. How cool is that?

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# Dome

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Things get worse as the bad guys in charge try to protect themselves and maybe earn a couple bucks so they will have benefitted when the Dome is finally removed; and the good guys try to make things better for everyone.

In the best Stephen King tradition, the bad guys, who are the typical good guys: religious leaders, businessmen, family men, etc., torture and kill their friends and families in the most grotesque ways. The good guys, who are the typical bad guys: outsiders, atheists, women, etc. are confused and disorganized. They don't know what to do or how to do it, but they muddle about and eventually save themselves and a few of their friends and neighbors.

I am always on the lookout for thick books. They last longer.

This one only lasted a weekend. I couldn't put it down. When I took a break to eat or sleep, I dreamt about the Chester's Mill. I liked the good guys and hated the bad guys. Every solution I came up with, King was there before me and stomped on my idea. I could

not see where he was going or how he was going to get me out of the mess.

Unfortunately, it seems that King couldn't come up with an exit strategy either. After more than 900 pages of Chester's Mills becoming Lord of the Flies, King destroyed the town. It seemed that everyone was going to die until King, like Dr. Seuss, finally found one "very small shirker" who makes one final "Yawp." Like the Sour Kangaroo in Horton Hears a Who, the alien who has imprisoned the town, not realizing that the people Under the Dome are real, removes the Dome and the people the religious whackos haven't killed are able to rejoin the rest of the world.

I was disappointed by the Lord of the Flies to Horton Hears a Who transition. The first thousand pages were exciting and intense. I couldn't stop reading. I was concerned with the lives of the characters. I felt let down when King revealed that all anyone needed to do was to catch the alien's attention and all would be solved. It struck me as a deus ex machina, and I expect better things from Stephen King.

I liked the book, but I would have loved it if King had come up with a better solution.

# Boxing

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Most of the boxing equipment is already provided. These include things like uniforms, gloves and handwraps which are put on before the gloves. Things like mouth guards and wrestling shoes have to be purchased by the student.

Typical workouts include cardio, strength training and technique work. Warm-ups usually involve "the white line dance" as Garner calls it. Here, the athletes jump over the straight line of white tape spread across the floor of the gym room. The way in which they must jump varies. It may be front and back, side to side or even crisscross.

Pushups, crunches and sprints are just a couple of the other exercises done to promote endurance, agility and strength.

Technique is developed through practice on the punching bags. In one exercise, the members had to partner up.

One person held the bag steady while the other person would punch for three rounds,

then switch.

Some practices, the members get to spar each other. Sparring is training boxing match used to gain practice. Special sparring gloves, which are larger than usual, are used to minimize the power of the punches. Member, Jose Ortiz would spar with his father when he first learned the rules of the sport.

"My dad was a fighter in Puerto Rico. When I was about 15 years old, I asked him to teach me how to fight," Ortiz said.

"I decided to join the club to try something different," Candice Wilkerson said. "I would hear Jose [Ortiz] and John [Burton] talk about it all the time."

For more information on the boxing club, email Coach Dennis Garner at [muboxing@yahoo.com](mailto:muboxing@yahoo.com) or attend one of the practices Monday through Thursday from 7p.m. to 9 p.m. Appointments for other times can be made as well.

"I started boxing in Philadelphia," member, Moran Chang said. "I love it. It's a good workout and it relieves stress."

## Horoscopes

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<p><b>ARIES</b> <b>March 21 - April 19</b> Your amazing personal energy is driving you to explore cultural issues and artifacts like art, music, ethics and the like. You should discover at least one awesome new detail that changes your life.</p>	<p><b>CANCER</b> <b>June 22 - July 22</b> You get some bad news today — but it's important for you to think through your response before releasing it. Speaking from the heart is usually a good idea, but for now, you need an editor.</p>	<p><b>LIBRA</b> <b>September 23 - October 22</b> You're at your best with people today — preferably one-on-one. That doesn't just mean your love life is on the upswing, though — you can impress almost anyone you meet without trying too hard.</p>	<p><b>CAPRICORN</b> <b>December 22 - January 19</b> You need to show that someone close is acting recklessly — but can you do so without making them feel defensive? That's a tough gig, but if anyone can do it, it's you. Make the tough call!</p>
<p><b>TAURUS</b> <b>April 20 - May 20</b> Take your time and look through every last option today — even the tiniest details can be quite important to you. There's no need to make a snap decision, even if a friend or colleague is breathing down your neck.</p>	<p><b>LEO</b> <b>July 23 - August 22</b> Someone new comes your way today and may shake up the way you see the world — in a good way! Your amazing energy is just right for accepting major changes, and the future looks brighter now.</p>	<p><b>SCORPIO</b> <b>October 23 - November 21</b> Be wary of any nagging problems that seem to be persistent — today is all about health, and you need to make sure that you're taking yours seriously. Make a positive change!</p>	<p><b>AQUARIUS</b> <b>January 20 - February 18</b> A major discovery comes your way — and it's one that you need to pay attention to! Your energy is just right for exploration, experimentation and approaching the world from a slight distance.</p>
<p><b>GEMINI</b> <b>May 21 - June 21</b> Your social energy is better than most people's even on a bad day — and right now, you're feeling pretty good! It's a great time to reach out to people who might be perfect for something new you're brewing.</p>	<p><b>VIRGO</b> <b>August 23 - September 22</b> You are filled with inspiration today — so much that you may find your life moving boldly in an exciting new direction! Run with it, because this is something like destiny at work.</p>	<p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b> <b>November 22 - December 21</b> Kids are important to you today — so make sure that you're either spending time with yours or otherwise finding opportunities to unleash your inner six-year-old. Life doesn't have to be dull!</p>	<p><b>PISCES</b> <b>February 19 - March 20</b> Something is fake — can you tell what it is? You may find that your energy is best spent on poring over everything of meaning to you to see what it is. It's boring, but it gets results!</p>

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# Softball begins season 2-1 with two straight shutout victories

By DAVID BARR

*Sports Editor*

The Mansfield softball team participated in the Shaw University Softball Challenge in Raleigh, North Carolina and won two of three games played.

The opponent for the first game was the University of South Carolina-Aiken. It was a pitching duel for the majority of game between Mansfield's Emily Crandell and USC-Aiken's Taylor Morgan. USC-Aiken scored one run in the fifth inning and had two homeruns in the sixth inning to go up 4-0. Mansfield wasn't able to mount any kind of comeback and fell 4-0.

The next two games were a different story as it was Mansfield who did the shutting out, winning by a final score of 12-0 and 1-0 in those two games.

The second game was against Virginia Union University. Mansfield had two six-run innings in the second and third innings to put the game away early.

Laura Lawson started things for Mansfield by doubling home Amanda Goodwin and Kayla Allen to give Mansfield an early 2-0 lead. The Mountaineers added to their lead when Stephanie Simmeth doubled home Lawson to make it 3-0. Back to back home runs by Courtney Bauder and Kate Pratt made the score 6-0 in favor of Mansfield.

The second round of scoring began when Kayla Hahn doubled home Ashley Inman

to increase Mansfield's lead to 7-0. Goodwin scored on a wild pitch and then Bauder doubled to center to bring home two more runners to make it 10-0.

The final two runs came on a sac fly by Pratt and another wild pitch allowed Bauder to score to make the final score 12-0.

The last game against Lemoyne College was another pitching duel as Mansfield was limited to a single run on three hits. Mansfield also committed two errors on the day, but Lemoyne wasn't able to capitalize.

Ashley Inman held Lemoyne to no runs on four hits throughout the game.

Mansfield's only run came in the third inning. Pratt hit a solo homerun to record the lone run of the entire game between both teams. Inman took it from there, allowing all four of her hits after the third inning and stranding seven Lemoyne runners on base during the remainder of the game.

Mansfield's game against Goldey-Beacom was scheduled for this Sunday, but inclement weather has forced the game to be postponed to a later date. Mansfield will travel to Salem, Virginia for a five-game road trip in the WVWC Softball Challenge before continuing to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to compete in the six-game Winston-Salem Tournament. PSAC play will begin on on March 22, with a double-header against the Lady Red Raiders in Shippensburg at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.



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Kate Pratt allowed only one hit in eight innings of work in two games played.

## Baseball earns 5-2 record on season-opening road trip

By DAVID BARR

*Sports Editor*

The Mansfield baseball team came home with a positive record after a seven-game trip to Virginia and North Carolina.

The Mounties earned five wins against College of Saint Rose, Post University, and St. Augustine's University.

The first game on the schedule came against The College of Saint Rose. The Mounties broke a scoreless tie in the second inning when Brandon Miller doubled to right field, bringing home two runners to make it 2-0. Westyn Baylor made it 3-0 in favor of Mansfield in the fifth inning with an RBI single. Baylor later drilled a three-run homerun in the seventh inning to make it 6-1 for Mansfield. The College of Saint Rose added two more runs, one each in the eighth and ninth inning, but a flyout to center and a swinging strikeout gave Mansfield a 6-3 win.

Mansfield started off strong in the second game of the day against 17th-ranked Wilmington. The Mounties took an early 3-0 lead in the first thanks to a Westyn Baylor RBI single and an Anthony Renz two-run homerun.

Wilmington scored in each of the next

five innings to go up 9-3 before Mansfield plated another run at the end bottom of the sixth inning. The Mounties scored another run in the bottom of the eighth before Wilmington added two more insurance runs in the top of the ninth.

The next opponent was Mercyhurst University. Mansfield didn't get on the board until the top of the sixth inning for their only two runs of the game. Baylor walked with the bases loaded to give Mansfield their first run and Renz grounded to shortstop to bring home Brandon Miller to make it 4-2. Mercyhurst added four more runs before the end of the game, to earn the 8-2 win.

Against Post, Mansfield responded to Post's one-run first inning with two runs of their own. Seth Tressler scored on a throwing error by Post's catcher and Renz brought home Eric Schanzenbach on a sacrifice fly. Stanton Tentnowski brought home Max Miller in the fourth on an RBI double but was picked off at third. Mansfield got another three runs in the sixth inning when Marshal Kiessling ripped a bases-clearing triple down the right field line. Post added two more runs in the top of the ninth, but a come-from-behind win was denied when Jeremy Mapstone struck out the

final Post batter to give Mansfield the 6-5 win.

The final three games all came against St. Augustine's University.

In the first game of a double header, Mansfield clung to a slim 1-0 lead for the first four innings, before exploding for seven runs in the final three innings.

Johnny LeClair started the offensive output with a single that brought Baylor home. LeClair and Owen Lukens scored on a Dave Glueck single. Zephany Kash flied out, bringing Schanzenbach home and LeClair once again singled Baylor home in the sixth inning. Glueck scored on a wild pitch in the seventh and the final run came courtesy of Tentnowski on a Tressler single.

Game two was a close one as Mansfield held a slim 3-2 lead after six innings. Zephany Kash scored on an error by the second baseman and LeClair stole home in the second inning to give Mansfield a 2-0 lead in the second inning. Tressler hit a sacrifice fly to bring home Mitchell Isenecker and give the Mounties a 3-0 lead.

Both teams scored two runs each in the seventh inning and St. Augustine scored two more runs in the ninth and threatened to take the lead before Mapstone got the last St. Au-

gustine batter to strike out swinging.

In the final game of the trip, Mansfield jumped out to an early 6-0 lead after two innings. LeClair hit a two-run homerun in the first inning for a quick 2-0 lead. In the fourth, Seth Tressler singled home Dave Glueck and Brandon Miller doubled home Tressler and Stanton Tentnowski to make it 5-0. The final run of the inning came on a sac fly by LeClair to bring home Miller.

St. Augustine trimmed off a third of their deficit in the fifth before Mansfield tacked on another four runs to earn the 10-2 win and improve to 5-2 on the road trip.

"It's nice to get off on a good start, get off on the right foot. This group has worked really hard. We got a group of freshmen that have come in with a good work ethic. That was really important. Our pitching's improved. I think our overall ballclub's improved. We feel pretty good about things now," baseball head coach Harry Hillson said.

Mansfield will begin a seven-game road trip in Florida on March 13 before starting PSAC play on March 21 against the Red Raiders at Shippensburg in a double-header. Mansfield's first home game of the year will be the following day against Shippensburg.

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## Robinson and Norton shine at PSAC Indoor Championships

By DAVID BARR  
*Sports Editor*

Mike Robinson and Laura Norton led the Mountaineers' effort at the PSAC Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Robinson continued his remarkable season by winning both the mile and the 800 meter events. Robinson finished with a time of 4:12.44 in the mile and a time of 1:53.54 in the 800 meters. Winning both those events garnered Robinson two more prestigious awards at the end of the day: Robinson was named the PSAC Men's Championship Most Valuable Track Athlete and the Championship's Overall Most Valuable Athlete.

"To win both of those events, and to then go on to win Track Athlete and Overall MVP of the conference meet was just so surreal. Being the first athlete in conference history to win the 800/mile double at the conference meet just added to the excitement of it. It was a tough double with short rest in between events, and I now see why it had never been done before. Both races unfolded and went exactly how I played them out in my head the night before, which rarely ever happens. I was able to avoid making any egregious errors dur-

ing the races thanks to this. To stand at the top of the podium was such an unbelievable feeling, a feeling that I will not soon forget. In fact, the whole weekend was an experience I will forever cherish," Robinson said.

Norton won the women's 3,000 and 5,000 meter events. She was the number-one seed for the 5,000 meters and finished with a time of 17:33.40. The win in the 5,000 meters qualified Norton for the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships in Winston-Salem, N.C. Norton wasn't done as the next day she took top honors in the 3,000 meters with a time of 10:08.89, four seconds faster than the runner-up.

Other Mansfield runners had solid outings at the championships. Michaela Lambert was able to qualify for the finals in the 200 and 400 meter events on Saturday. Lambert placed second in the 200 m and third in the 400m. Lambert was .07 of a second behind the winner in the 200m and was 1.08 seconds behind in the 400m.

The men's 4x800m team of Jake Portock, Ben Drexler, Jordan Boothe, and Shakim Blackwell finished eighth with a time of 8:17.08. The men's Distance Medley Relay team of Boothe, Portock, Drexler and Robert



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Laura Norton had a time of 10:08.89 in the 3,000 meters race and a time of 17:33.40 in the 5,000 meters race.

McCoy earned a ninth-place finish, while the women's Distance Medley Relay team of Al-lison Macon, Melanie Hartley, Melanie Hilliard, and Destiny Parks grabbed a tenth-place finish.

Kristy Scordino finished third in the women's mile event, with a time of 5:04.8, which was good enough to beat her sister Jess' previous school record of 5:04.94, which was set earlier in the season.

## Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
6	7	8	9 -Softball @ Goldey-Beacom College (DH) 1:00 p.m.	10	11	12
13 Baseball vs Kentucky Wesleyan College 1:00 p.m.	14 -Baseball vs Ohio Valley University 11:00 a.m. -Softball vs Chowan University 11:00 a.m. -Men and Women's Track and Field @ Coastal Carolina Invitational	15 -Baseball vs Hillsdale College 10:00 a.m. -Softball vs Winston-Salem State University 3:00 p.m. -Men and Women's Track and Field @ CCI	16 -Softball vs University of Charleston 9:00 a.m. -Baseball vs Farmingdale State College Noon -Men and Women's Track and Field @ Coastal Carolina Invitational	17 -Baseball vs Slippery Rock University (DH) 2:00 p.m.	18 -Baseball vs Slippery Rock University 11:00 a.m. -Softball vs Fayetteville State University Noon -Softball vs St. Augustine's University 2:30 p.m.	19 -Baseball vs Lock Haven University 10:00 a.m. -Softball vs Shaw University 12:30 p.m. -Softball vs Winston-Salem State University 2:30 p.m.



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## The Music Department performed Les Misérables over the weekend



PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER SITEK

Over 75 Mansfield University students and community members participated in the production of Les Misérables.

By **KATIE CRANE**  
*News Editor*

The Music Department performed its spring play, Les Misérables, Thursday March 6 through Sunday March 9 in Straughn Auditorium.

Les Misérables is a novel turned play and movie by Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil. The musical is set in nineteenth century France and is mainly about Valjean who struggles to transform himself from a thief into an honest man. Over the years, he struggles to stay

one step ahead of police officer, Javert, and tries to raise his adopted daughter, Cosette. On his quest, Valjean and friends stumble into the June Rebellion, where a group of young, rich idealists take their final stand upon a barricade in the streets of France.

Dr. Sheryl Monkelién is a musical education professor. She works with the jazz group the Mansfieldians, helps to create the spring plays and musicals and is the advisor of the music theatre organization (MTO).

Last spring, students performed Guys and Dolls. "Guys and Dolls is a light comedy and I wanted to do something more dramatic next. Les Misérables is the first play I've ever seen and this year we have strong men to play the roles we need," Monkelién said.

The main actors and actresses of the play are as follows:

Jean Valjean: Benjamin Eisenhour  
Javert, a policeman: Matthew Levine, Lucas Lourenco  
Fantine: Sarah Polinski, Rae


Rosenbayger  
Marius: Martin Schmidt  
Cosette: Savannah Cole  
Thenardier, an innkeeper: Joshua Silva, Tim Wilbourn  
Madame Thenardier: Amanda Coughenour, Heather Sitek  
Eponine: Erin Haafke  
Little Cosette: Katie Burke  
Little Eponine: Gloria Guignard  
The Bishop of Digne: Jacob Myers  
Factory Girl: Katie Holdren  
The Foreman: Ian MacDonald

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Weekly Weather

Friday

Partly Cloudy


High: 45 Low: 32

Saturday

Few Snow Showers


High: 44 Low: 20

Sunday

Partly Cloudy


High: 32 Low: 16

Monday

Cloudy


High: 31 Low: 14

Tuesday

Mostly Cloudy


High: 38 Low: 24

Wednesday

Snow Shower

High: 39 Low: 21

Thursday

Snow

High: 39 Low: 16

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# Info-To-Go

## Campus Bulletin Board

- Andrew and Noah Band in concert. Tickets \$5 for students with ID. For more information [www.wellsborocca.org](http://www.wellsborocca.org)

Don't miss the Andrew and Noah band March 14, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the Wellsboro High School Auditorium. Powerful songwriting, explosive improvisation, deep dance grooves and a unique vision for the future of American roots music. That's what the Andrew and Noah Band is bringing to festival stages, concert halls, and dance floors all over North America. The full seven-piece band features fiddle, accordian, mandolin, saxophone, guitars, bass, drums, and three-part harmony vocals.

- Attention seniors, it's not too late to submit your Graduation Dedication. Graduation from college is a major milestone. Congratulations on your achievement! Don't forget to thank your families, professors and friends that have helped you reach this point by submitting a Graduation Dedication for the program that will be given as a keepsake at graduation!

This is your opportunity to acknowledge your family members who helped you achieve your dream of a college education, share a special memory of a time spent with friends or thank a professor who may have had an impact on your success at MU. Whoever you choose to thank, it will be a memory cherished for a lifetime.

Contributions through this program will be counted toward your class legacy gift. It's easy to do. Fill out the Graduation Dedication form and return it with payment to the MU Foundation at 524 North Hall. Dedications must be received by Friday, April 18, 2014.

- Attention campus organizations, is your organization interested in taking part in the Accepted Student Day event that is being held in conjunction with Spring Fling festivities on April 26th? Admission will be hosting an Organization Bid Fair, as well as the "Mountie Games."

If interested in learning more, please send a representative of your organization to the meeting on Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in Room G-12 of South Hall.

- Are you looking to take online classes this summer? Do you like to watch movies? Why not try COMM 3272 - Film & Society?

This course is offered during the first summer session (May 27 - June 26). The course counts as a Global Perspective II Gen Ed requirement

or you may take it as a general gen ed elective.

Examine the political, economical and social aspects of various films including contemporary films like "The Hunger Games" and "12 Years a Slave." Summer registration is now available through WebAdvisor. For further questions, please contact Professor James Lohrey at [jlohrey@mansfield.edu](mailto:jlohrey@mansfield.edu).

- Celebrate Women's Awareness Week with Students Advocating for Everyone. SAFE meets Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in Alumni 312

Monday, March 24 - Get an awareness ribbon in Lower!

Tuesday, March 25 - "How to Feel Sexy Naked," Presented by sexologist Jill McDevitt, Alumni 317 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26 - "Ladies' Night!" Get all your personal questions answered by an expert. Fun and refreshments to follow! Alumni 317 @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday March 27 - Movie Night - Join us to watch an inspiring film highlighting a strong leading heroine. Library 115 @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday March 28 - "Spa Day" - Treat yourself to a FREE facial and manicure! Alumni 321 @ 10:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m.

- A Safe Zone/Ally Training will be conducted on Friday, March 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in 312 Alumni. Safe Zone is a program targeting GLBT students but open to all students that gives them someone to talk to in private without judgement or bullying. This training is opened to faculty, staff and students but seating is limited to 20. To register for this training send an email to Dr. Chuck Hoy at [choy@mansfield.edu](mailto:choy@mansfield.edu) expressing your interest.

- The Mansfield University swim team will host swimming lessons starting March 25. Registration will be held in the lobby of Decker on March 18 from 5-7pm. Forms can be found at [www.gomounties.com](http://www.gomounties.com). Email [kkelly@mansfield.edu](mailto:kkelly@mansfield.edu) for more details.

- Parking Restrictions over Spring Break

The Facilities Department has contracted to have asphalt areas of campus repaired during the week of spring break. It is critical that no vehicles be left in C Lot throughout the week. C Lot is the two parking areas next to Shaute Baseball Field's left outfield. This surface will be milled and repaved.

There will be a few parking spaces at the north and south ends of B Lot which need to be empty to permit maneuvering of equipment for repair of surfaces nearby. B Lot is between Hickory Residence Hall and Spaulding Field. The specific spaces will be marked with barricades/cones on Friday, March 14. These spaces need to remain clear for the entire week.

# POLICE BEAT

- **Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -**

-**3/10/14-** The owner of a tan Jeep Cherokee reported that someone had struck her vehicle. The damage was on the front drivers side from the bumper to the door and it may have occurred in the Fieldhouse lot, on Clinton Street in front of Kelchner Fitness Center, or on South Academy Street.

-**3/9/14-** Police were called for an intoxicated person at the front of Sycamore Dormitory. Police placed Tyler Spires, 19, under arrest. Spires is a non-student from Candor, NY. He was charged with disorderly conduct, underage drinking, and public drunkenness. Spires was placed in the Tioga County Prison to await preliminary arraignment.

-**3/9/14-** An unknown male subject reportedly discharged a dry chemical fire extinguisher near the NE exit door of The Hut on March 8. The male reportedly fled the building after he reported the incident to staff and was informed he could be held responsible for replacing the equipment. The investigation continues.

-**3/9/14-** Spruce residents reported that person(s) unknown damaged the exterior door and interior wall of their on-campus apartment. The actor(s) forced the exterior door of the apartment open by unknown means. Residents reported that nothing had been stolen from the room, and they were not at present at the time of the damage. A damage estimate is not yet available.

-**3/6/14-** Thomia McCullum, 19, and Tyneshah Samuels, 19, allegedly went to another student's room in Spruce dormitory and attempted to start a fight with the room's occupants. Both of the named students were referred to Campus Judicial for the violation.



## Play

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Bamatabois: Geoffrey Baker  
 Enjolras: Connor Crone  
 Combferre: Thomas Maro  
 Grantaire: Dale Scrivener Jr.  
 Feuilly: Jake Wilson  
 Corfeyrac: Cole Black  
 Lesgles: Zachary Sigafos  
 Joly: Gavin Herman  
 Jean Prouvare: Nick Wathan  
 Gavroche, an urchin: Hayne Webster  
 Montparnasse: Ross Shourds  
 Babet: Malcolm Layaou  
 Brujon: Aaron Ferster  
 Claquesous: Geoffrey Baker  
 Constables: Timothy Best, Zachary Rosetti

The next list of people were chain gang, warders, the poor, factory workers, sailors, whores, drinkers, and wedding guests:

Morgan Allen, Elisabeth Andrews, Emilee Andrews, Matt Anson, Elisabeth Bagg, Carly Bechdel, Arlene Boruchowitz, Kaitlyn Boyer, Shanice Brandon, Maggie Brennan, Natalie Crosby, Tiffany Cummings, Margaret Darrow, Colleen Dempsey, Enaw Elonge, Ariana Emenheiser, Meghan Fuqua, Lilace Guignard, Sarah Haley, Brett Helmus, Sharon Kleindienst, Brandon Lepley, JaQuay Lundy, Christine Masucci, Emily McKee, Victoria McNamee, Ashlynn Meiklejohn, Karina Meiklejohn, Danielle Murray, Cheyenne Newpher, Caytlyn Nichols, Zoe Noyes, Jamela Reifsnnyder, Carthy Rzeszotarski, Eli Sauls, Justina Sechrist, Pingyi Song, Deanna Stevens, Megan Warriner, Ashley Wheeler

The Orchestra for the play was conducted by Monkliken. Those included are as follows:

Clarinet: Julia Federico  
 Flute: Taylor Triou  
 Oboe: Whitney White  
 Cello: Kelsey Boltz  
 Trumpet: Bryan Carr  
 Trombone/Tuba: Mike Carson  
 Violin: Lucy Combs  
 Keyboard: Mitchell Sensenig, Steven Shade  
 Horn: Dianna Allan, Dylan Krall  
 Percussion: David Wert  
 Viola: PJ Mansfield  
 Bass: Lukas Fogel

December 1 and 2 were designated for general auditions. These were both held at 6:30 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium. Generally, students would have to read lines as well as sing. However, Les Misérables features only songs.

"[Students] had to pick a song that represented a specific character that they might want to play as well as their voices," MTO President Heather Sitek said.

"Students had to really show the lyrics and their voices and act the song," Monkliken said.

To be considered for a part in the chorus, students had to go to auditions. There, they

were taught a song for the show. Callbacks were on Wednesday December 4 at 7 p.m.

Students could also sign up to help with the play and use it as one credit under arts and the human experience. After signing up, students met four days a week from the start of spring semester through the performance.

MTO, one of the sponsors of the play, is an organization geared at promoting music theatre at Mansfield University, in the community and surrounding area; providing opportunities for professional development to all members; providing opportunities for the campus community to become acquainted with artists and educators in the music theatre profession through participation in programs, demonstrations, discussions, workshops, and performances planned by this chapter.

"We also help support the musical productions in the spring," Sitek said.

The production of Les Misérables marks the final production in Straughn Auditorium prior to its renovation during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Straughn auditorium was constructed in 1931 under the administration of Professor William R. Straughn, the first president of Mansfield State Teachers College. During its 83-year history, the building has been home to many performances and productions.

The Straughn auditorium renovation will begin at the end of this academic year. According to Dr. Monkliken, the renovated theatre is scheduled to open in May 2015.

Les Misérables, was performed Thursday March 6 through March 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday March 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Les Misérables, will be reopening on Broadway shortly after the performances at Mansfield University.

The cost to attend the show was free for Mansfield University students, \$10 for other students and \$15 for adults. Tickets could be ordered online at [music.mansfield.edu](http://music.mansfield.edu).

Technical production was provided in part by Covington Studios in Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

The play was funded in part by student activities fees.

"I enjoyed having such a broad spectrum of cast mates, we had community members, a professor, students and some children. It really shows that the arts are all inclusive and anyone can perform," Sitek said. "I also loved watching the cast transform and become their characters. Once a cast member walked into Straughn they were no longer just a student. They became their character, whether it be the ever persistent Javert or the lovestruck Cosette, Having Les Mis as the last musical production I'll have done here, I couldn't be more blessed with the talented group of individuals I got to work with. That also counts the stage crew, costumers, tech crew, and our dedicated directors. Without everyone's participation it couldn't have happened."

## Sisters of Sophia will have its first meeting after spring break

By KATIE CRANE

*News Editor*

Sisters of Sophia (SOS) will have its first meeting Wednesday, March 26.

The group will start with an icebreaker in which they will act out the different stereotypical roles of women in society today.

Next, they will shift their focus to the goal board that was started. Everyone has to write their personal goals that they want to complete during the semester on a note card. The club members will then put their goals onto the goal board.

"Every other week, we will bring the goal board out and those who have completed their goal will take down that goal and make a new one," Sisters of Sophia President Tiara Pendleton said.

Sisters of Sophia was recently approved by SGA March 5.

"We came together because we wanted to give women on campus a voice," vice president Kiana Medley said.

The organization was originally created in 2003 by Meghan Olney, Sara Moyer and Ashley Winnie. These students named the organization sister to sister, but it was changed to Sisterhood of Sophia in 2009 and is now known as Sisters of Sophia. It is not clear as to why the name changes occurred.

Sisters of Sophia plans to focus their philanthropy efforts on domestic violence.

"We want to work with Haven and the women's center in the future, but nothing is planned yet," secretary Kiara Medley said.

The organization also wants to host events like a spa day for finals week and op-

eration beautiful which is a nationwide campaign to end negative self-talk by leaving inspirational notes in random places to lift the spirits of those who see it. Operation Beautiful has been featured on the Oprah Winfrey Network and The Today Show.

Other executive board members include vice president Kiana Medley, treasurer Chelsea Simmers, secretary Kiara Medley and public relations Jalise Clark.

Sisters of Sophia's purpose is to establish a progressive women's support group where students can feel free to share personal experiences as well as discuss issues and concerns. SOS will invite and sponsor professional women speakers to help raise awareness on the developmental journey of becoming a successful woman. The group will provide a service to all students at Mansfield University.

The mission of SOS is to form a strong support group by offering structured confidential discussions on personal issues and experiences; to encourage high academic achievement; to focus on developing integrity, civility, and good character; to recognize the importance of open minds and intelligence; to learn about the lives of women in other countries including culture, conditions and exploration into ways to help other women.

The organization will meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. A permanent meeting location will be announced in the future. For more information on the organization contact Tiara Pendleton at [pendletonm28@mounties.mansfield.edu](mailto:pendletonm28@mounties.mansfield.edu). Mansfield University students of all races, genders and sexual orientation are welcomed to join.

## Annual showcase of student scholarship will occur in April

Mansfield University will host the third Annual Showcase of Student Scholarship in Alumni Hall Student Center Wednesday April 23.

This event will occur 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The goal of this event is to present students' scholarly and creative work to our campus community, celebrating through recognition what you may have accomplished. If you have a scholarly or creative achievement to share, please talk with your faculty supervisor about submitting an application to participate.

"We seek strong representation from all academic areas to ensure the success of this

day-long showcase of excellence," Dr. Karen Guenther said.

Students who participate will be able to add the accomplishment to their resume for future employment or application to graduate school.

More information and the application form are available online.

Questions may be directed to Dr. Gretchen Sechrist ([gsechris@mansfield.edu](mailto:gsechris@mansfield.edu); 570-662-4778).

Applications for the showcase are due by April 4, 2014. Approvals of applications and the program schedule will be sent to participants by April 11, 2014.

This event is for all students.

# SGA passed funding proposal; student organization budget hearings completed

By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Mansfield University Student Government Association (SGA) passed a vote to change the funding process to university departments on Tuesday, March 11.

The proposed funding process will affect the following areas: Athletics, Music, Student Activities Office, Kelchner Fitness Center, Residence Life, Student Capital projects, Mountie Bus, and CCSI Accounting charges.

The funds will automatically be taken from student activity fees and will have a university staff member responsible for turning in a budget. According to Dean of Students Christopher Bridges, this will increase transparency and remove additional responsibilities and reoccurring conflict from members of SGA. SGA will now be able to focus their attention on student clubs and organizations, Bridges said.

This is a joint proposal by President Hendricks and the SGA executive board. The cuts are due majorly to declining enrollment.

For more information, please see the table, "Funding."

## Student Organization Budgets

Committee on Finance (CoF) reviewed the budgets submitted by student organizations for the 2014-15 academic year. Of the 59 budgets that were entertained, 36 were approved.

According to an email sent to the student body from SGA, "Each organization that submitted a budget that was entertained by

COF will have the opportunity to appeal COF's decision. Your organization has until Friday, March 22, 2014, by 5:00 PM, to send an email to [cof@mansfield.edu](mailto:cof@mansfield.edu) indicating that you would like to request an appeal for your respective organization. Appeals will be heard on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m."

"Nearly all organizations had funding cuts," senator Alex Boch said. "Though COF would love to approve all logical requests, due to unexpected costs and lower enrollment, it is impossible to fund organizations as they have been in the past."

CCSI accounting will also be funded through student activity fees starting next academic year, a \$100,000 expense that was not previously a concern.

Many of the cuts to organizations were made to out-of-region travel and food expenses.

The organizations that did not have their budgets entertained during the budget hearings, according to Bock, "failed to meet basic requirements," such as submitting the necessary paperwork.

Organizations that were denied budgets for the next academic year will have the opportunity at the beginning of the fall semester to apply for funding. Unlike the 36 approved organization budgets, the decisions made in the fall cannot be appealed.

Approved organization budgets for the 2014-15 academic year can be found at <http://www2.mansfield.edu/sga/resources.cfm>. Further questions can be directed to Jason White, Dr. Bridges, or Dr. McEvoy.

## Funding

University Department	2013-14 Amount	2013-14 Percent of Total*	2014-15 Amount	2014-15 Percent of Total**	New Responsible Party
Athletics	\$777,000	37%	\$700,000	35%	Athletic Director
Music	\$231,000	11%	\$200,000	10%	Provost
Student Activities Office	\$252,000	12%	\$250,000	12.5%	AVP for Student Affairs
Kelchner Fitness Center	\$115,000	5.47%	\$120,000	6%	AVP for Student Affairs, AUX
Residence Life	\$90,000	4.29%	\$20,000	1%	AVP for Student Affairs, AUX
Student Capital Projects	\$0	0%	\$60,000	3%	AVP for Student Affairs
Mountie Bus	\$50,000	2.38%	\$50,000	2.5%	AVP for Student Affairs
CCSI Accounting Charges	\$0	0%	\$100,000	5%	AVP for Student Affairs
Total	\$1,515,000	72.14%	\$1,500,000	75%	-
Remainder	\$585,000	27.86%	\$500,000	25%	SGA

\* = 2013-14 percentages are based off of a \$2.1 million total for student activity fees.  
\*\* = 2014-15 percentages are based off of a \$2.1 million total for student activity fees.

# Committee on Finance statement on budget hearings

Student Organizations,

Over the weekend, (March 8th) COF met for annual budget hearings. For 9 hours, members toiled over 59 budgets submitted by a variety of student organizations. Though not the highlight of our year, we determined our recommendations for budgeting in the most professional manor possible. Following certain standards across the board, nearly all organizations had funding cut.

Though COF would love to approve all logical requests, due to unexpected costs and lower enrollment, it is impossible to fund organizations as they have been in the past. CCSI now charges for their accounting services, which brought on a new \$100,000+ fee to be included in our overall budget. Our budget is now smaller than in previous years, with more costs than ever. Consistent cuts across the board had to be made, and they were.

COF's main focus became superfluous

costs, and how we could remove them from the budget. After debating possible cuts, food and out-of-region travel were found to have the largest effect lowering the budget, while taking the least away from student organizations. Though not an indefinite policy, currently our budget doesn't allow for lavish travel to benefit small groups of students. The same idea follows for reception, banquet, and recruitment food allocations. COF understands how this will affect the approach organizations take next year, and we encourage you to get creative!

Many organizations will notice their budgets were not entertained during budget hearings. These organizations failed to meet basic requirement for advanced budgeting, including SGA. The start of the fall semester will be your first opportunity to apply for funding. You will not be given the luxury of appealing COF as you failed to fill out paperwork correctly or meet SGA's basic requirements for all organizations on

campus, such as completing community service, fund raising, or providing programming. When certain organizations take the time to fill all requirements, it is improper to afford organizations who failed at the process the same opportunity.

For organizations that have had their budget entertained, you are welcome to appeal to COF. This process lasts 10 days from the date of this memo. If you fail to apply within that time frame, you will have to wait until the fall semester to deal with your budget for next year. Next year is also a welcome opportunity to apply for programs denied this year. COF hopes student enrollment will stabilize and more money than expected will then be available.

Thank you, and please speak with Jason White, Dr. Bridges, or Dr. McEvoy with further questions.

COF

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# Student organization approved budgets for 2014-15

Organization's Name	Total Requested	Total Approved	Programming Requested	Programming Approved	Travel Requested	Travel Approved	Capital Requested	Capital Approved
A science and Art Publication	\$ 3,864.00	\$ 3,614.00	\$ 3,864.00	\$ 3,614.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
American Coral Director's Association	\$ 31,458.68	\$ 9,256.00	\$ 13,985.68	\$ 8,635.00	\$ 16,973.00	\$ 621.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
American String Teachers Association	\$ 39,990.00	\$ 2,330.00	\$ 30,200.00	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 9,390.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee	\$ 45,924.00	\$ 13,042.00	\$ 30,410.00	\$ 9,842.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 12,314.00	\$ -
Art and Design Guild	\$ 9,010.00	\$ 4,890.00	\$ 3,260.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 1,890.00	\$ -	\$ -
Bass Fishing Club	\$ 15,857.66	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 11,647.68	\$ -	\$ 3,609.98	\$ -
Biology Club	\$ 5,996.25	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,296.25	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Black Student Union	\$ 51,496.95	\$ 24,775.00	\$ 28,895.00	\$ 18,075.00	\$ 22,357.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 244.95	\$ -
Boxing Club	\$ 6,490.00	\$ -	\$ 4,950.00	\$ -	\$ 1,340.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Catholic Student Association	\$ 3,928.00	\$ 3,128.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,628.00	\$ 2,628.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Cheerleaders	\$ 1,118.00	\$ 1,118.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -		\$ 1,088.00	\$ 1,088.00
Chemistry Club	\$ 5,450.00	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,045.00	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00
Colleges Against Cancer	\$ 13,029.98	\$ -	\$ 9,804.98	\$ -	\$ 2,350.00	\$ -	\$ 875.00	\$ -
College Entrepreneurs Organization	\$ 7,708.00	\$ -	\$ 130.00	\$ -	\$ 7,261.00	\$ -	\$ 317.00	\$ -
Computer Science Club	\$ 28,424.51	\$ 5,338.00	\$ 4,032.89	\$ 318.00	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 4,740.00	\$ 9,591.62	\$ 280.00
Council for Exceptional Children	\$ 7,475.00	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dance Team	\$ 417.00	\$ -	\$ 157.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ -
Double Reed Society	\$ 1,090.10	\$ -	\$ 320.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 770.10	\$ -
ENACTUS	\$ 5,618.00	\$ 4,051.82	\$ 994.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 4,564.00	\$ 3,056.82	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Fire Ferrets Quidditch Team	\$ 7,717.50	\$ 6,667.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,457.50	\$ 6,457.50	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 210.00
Fisheries and Aquaculture	\$ 5,740.00	\$ -	\$ 470.00	\$ -	\$ 4,090.00	\$ -	\$ 1,180.00	\$ -
Gardening Club	\$ 2,494.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,494.48	\$ -
Gay Lesbian Outreach	\$ 9,190.00	\$ -	\$ 7,140.00	\$ -	\$ 1,615.00	\$ -	\$ 435.00	\$ -
Geography outing Club	\$ 6,097.58	\$ -	\$ 345.00	\$ -	\$ 4,182.50	\$ -	\$ 1,570.08	\$ -
Geology Club	\$ 16,895.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,070.59	\$ -	\$ 825.00	\$ -
History Club	\$ 140,222.00	\$ 1,867.00	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ 140,127.00	\$ 1,807.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Honors Association	\$ 13,687.50	\$ 1,194.80	\$ 525.50	\$ -	\$ 13,112.00	\$ 1,144.80	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Horn Club	\$ 16,840.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,340.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Hoola Hoop Club	\$ 2,145.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 770.00	\$ 220.00
International Student Organization	\$ 38,537.00	\$ 14,785.00	\$ 10,052.00	\$ 7,562.00	\$ 28,085.00	\$ 6,823.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
International Tuba Euphonium Organization	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Jazz Organization	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Mansfield Activities Council	\$ 222,860.84	\$ -	\$ 216,395.84	\$ -	\$ 4,865.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -
Math Club	\$ 15,027.00	\$ 1,567.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 14,860.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 67.00
Men For Progress	\$ 40,818.00	\$ -	\$ 34,018.00	\$ -	\$ 6,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Musical Theater Organization	\$ 3,525.00	\$ -	\$ 775.00	\$ -	\$ 1,160.00	\$ -	\$ 1,590.00	\$ -
MUTV	\$ 26,214.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 22,714.65	\$ -
National Alliance of Saxophonists	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
National Art Education Association	\$ 17,575.00	\$ 6,130.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 12,910.00	\$ 4,790.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 215.00
Navigators	\$ 4,150.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Nerf Club	\$ 1,203.88	\$ 339.96	\$ 260.00	\$ 260.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 943.88	\$ 79.96
Organizational Coummunication Club	\$ 151,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 515.00	\$ -
Pennsylvania Collegiate Music Educators Association	\$ 10,440.00	\$ 8,845.00	\$ 5,620.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 3,895.00	\$ 3,895.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Photography Club	\$ 3,269.00	\$ 809.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,834.00	\$ 334.00	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 425.00
Political Science Club	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ 1,025.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ -
Pre-Med Club	\$ 2,715.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 1,675.00	\$ -	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Public Relations Student Society of America	\$ 8,265.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,590.00	\$ -	\$ 675.00	\$ -
Residence hall Association	\$ 86,659.50	\$ 3,709.50	\$ 73,950.00	\$ -	\$ 12,209.50	\$ 3,209.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Snow Sports Club	\$ 47,027.00	\$ -	\$ 2,355.00	\$ -	\$ 43,292.00	\$ -	\$ 1,380.00	\$ -
Social Work Club	\$ 4,810.00	\$ 770.00	\$ 1,695.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 3,065.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Sociology Anthropology Organization	\$ 2,080.00	\$ -	\$ 680.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Student Composers Society	\$ 3,985.00	\$ -	\$ 3,810.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -
Student Dietetics Association	\$ 6,370.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 5,795.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Students Advocating for Everyone	\$ 20,175.00	\$ 19,675.00	\$ 19,625.00	\$ 19,125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
The Flashlight	\$ 13,369.86	\$ 9,555.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,369.86	\$ 9,555.00
Transfer Student Organization	\$ 2,128.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,465.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 258.00	\$ -	\$ 405.00	\$ 225.00
WNTE	\$ 18,435.94	\$ 13,610.94	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,175.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ -	\$ 4,435.94	\$ 4,435.94
Student Organization Budget Totals:	\$ 1,271,566.45	\$ 169,428.52	\$ 557,074.89	\$ 94,171.00	\$ 470,030.02	\$ 55,406.62	\$ 93,701.54	\$ 19,850.90

## Book Review: *Never Have Your Dog Stuffed: And Other Things I've Learned*

By DAN MASON  
Flashlight Advisor

Alan Alda's debut was a picture in the Toronto paper when he was two years old smoking a pipe. The caption said he had been smoking for more than 18 months. He had picked up the habit, according to the caption, when his parents forced him to smoke, hoping it would teach him how disgusting the habit was.

Of course Alda wasn't smoking. It was a publicity stunt by his father for the Vaudeville troop passing through town.

Alda grew up back stage. He watched the song-and-dance men, the magicians, the strippers and the actors from the wings. It was quite an education.

Movie star and leading man Robert Alda was Alan Alda's father. His father's friends were big names in Vaudeville and Hollywood in the 1940s and '50s. No one was surprised when Alphonse changed his name to Alan and followed his father to the stage.

When Alda was seven years old, his father left Vaudeville and got a contract with a major studio. The family bought a house and settled down. Shortly thereafter Alda was stricken with polio. He spent a year undergoing torturous treatment which worked. He was able to walk again.

Alda had been tutored while bedridden with polio. To celebrate his return to health, his parents got him a cocker spaniel. The dog died suddenly, not long after Alda got him. When he and his father were working to bury the dog, Alda was inconsolable. Robert Alda, not knowing what to do, suggested that instead of burying the dog, they get him stuffed. That way, Alan would always have the dog to love.

The stuffed dog was a disaster. The taxidermist did a great job except for the dog's expression. "The dog looked rabid," Alda said. The dog was lifelike and people were afraid.

Alda took the lesson he learned from his stuffed dog, that there are some changes that cannot be undone, that there are some changes one shouldn't try to undo, to heart. He had lots of opportunities to stuff metaphorical dogs in his life. Some he stuffed. He learned from the ones he stuffed and the ones he didn't.

This memoir is full of things Alda learned over 60 some years as an actor, writer, director,

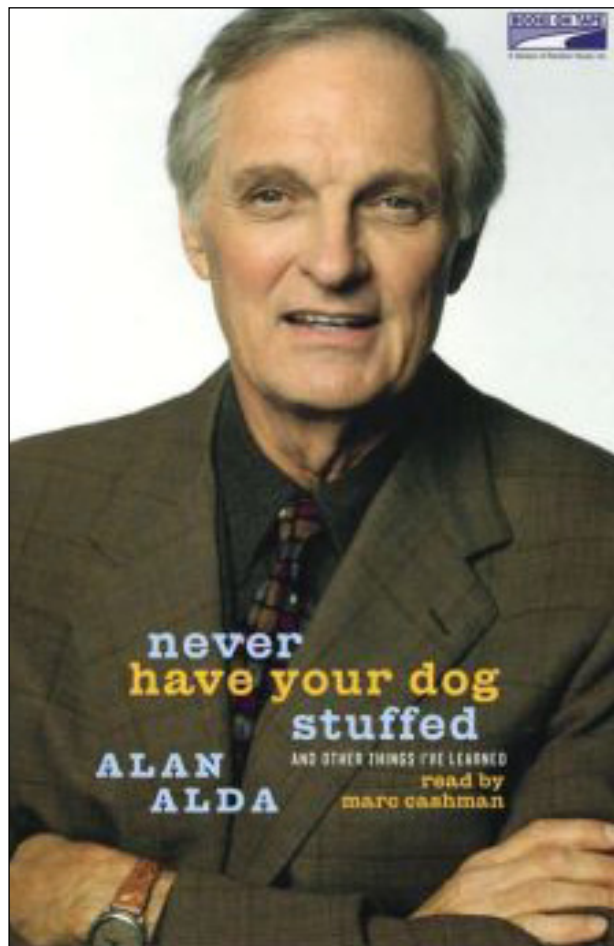


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Alan Alda is an American actor, director, screenwriter, and author, and is a six-time Emmy Award and Golden Globe Award winner

son, husband, father and grandfather.

Everyone has a story. Some people are better at telling the story than others. Alda is an engaging storyteller. He led an interesting life. I enjoyed his story.

I only knew Alda as Hawkeye Pierce from M\*A\*S\*H. I had seen him in a couple other things, but Alda will always be Hawkeye to me. I was interested to learn how he got the role, how he made the role his.

I was surprised to learn that he had done more movies than I knew about. I was surprised to learn that he had acted on Broadway, had gone to a Catholic college and had grandchildren.

I appreciated hearing about his mother's illness and how he dealt with it.

I enjoyed learning about his role on The West Wing, the only role I have seen him in that I did not think he played himself.

This was an interesting, entertaining and educational rounding out of someone I had only known on the small screen. I had been entertained by Alda as Hawkeye. Seeing the three dimensional person behind the character made me like him a little less, but respect him a lot more.

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# Student organization of the week: **MUTV**



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The board members of MUTV (from L to R) back row: Tyler Savarese, Damon Jaggars, Blaine Wainwright, Kyle Northrup front row: David Barr, Katey McMahon, Kirstie Sweeney, Kelsey Kaufmann, Karyn Anselmo, Sarah Ryan

By **DEAN LEE**  
Features Editor

Some organizations on campus are to serve the students, like *The Flashlight*, WNTE, and MUTV.

*The Flashlight* is the campus paper, whereas WNTE is radio nation and MUTV is a new cast for the students. MUTV hosts a newscast every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

The newscast is available through Blue Ridge on Channel 13. The television studio also has a YouTube channel, which has most of the news shows and some other items of interest.

"The Burning Question" is one of MUTV's biggest spotlights. Sarah Ryan, who goes around campus asking people the same question to get a diverse response from the campus community, hosts "The Burning Question." Each segment poses a new question to the community.

The organization went to New York City to visit companies and organizations including those such as CBS Radio, *Good Morning America*, and ABC. Some of the students got to participate in live broadcasts on the radio and television.

MUTV films some sports games as well as other clubs and organizations if asked to.

Most recently, SGA asked MUTV if they would be willing to film their meetings.

MUTV has about twenty members at the moment with ten being on the executive board. On the executive board is President Kirstie Sweeney, Vice President and Treasurer Karyn Anselmo, Secretary Sarah Ryan, Editor Kyle Northrup, Co-Editor Tyler Savarese, Public Relations Blaine Wainwright, Advertising Katey McMahon, Scriptwriter Austin Dragovich, Sports Director David Barr, and Web Master Damon Jaggars.

"We are a really close family," Sweeney said. "We hang out outside of MUTV. We go and have dinner together or go play dodgeball."

The organization is hoping to add in some new ideas to their half-hour show. Some ideas include "Day in the Life of a Mountie," a "Cash Cab" concept, and "Girl Code, Guy Code."

"Girl Code, Guy Code" will be similar to "The Burning Question" but will ask the different sexes the same question. "Day in the Life of a Mountie" will follow the Mountie to see what he does as he goes to class and to sports games.

MUTV's first news cast of this semester was on March 5, and now they will be aired every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. on Channel 13 Blue Ridge.



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Secretary Sarah Ryan goes out on campus to ask The Burning Question.

## Bridging the gap: Spring break, woo hoo!

By **CHRISTOPHER BRIDGES**  
Flashlight Contributor

First, congrats to the four of you still on campus reading this. To everyone else, welcome back from break, hope you had a good one.

Most folks know, or think we know, how spring break started in America. It started with the first higher education institution in the States, Harvard (the Mansfield University of the east) and their belief in the restorative powers of the sun.

Each spring, the undergraduates would go somewhere warm to "re-heat" their brain. They believed the sun's rays would actually heat the head, expanding the student's head space and allowing them to think more clearly.

Of course due to the beach dress codes of the era, a lot of time was actually spent sitting around waiting for ridiculous bathing suits to dry out and for swim trunks and the bikini to be invented.

In reality, spring break did not start with Harvard. Many of you know the Greek story of Persephone, Hades's wife.

Her coming and going from the Underworld is what causes Winter and Summer, when she is gone we experience Winter, when back, Summer.

A little known side note- she gets a week off of the whole deal to catch up on school work, breathe and sleep in.

The Ancient Greeks would celebrate this week by allowing their students the same break, creating what you and I now recognize as Spring Break.

Hopefully knowing a little history will enable you to have a more productive and enjoyable break.

We'll hold down the fort while you are gone, but don't worry about us. Staff also have Spring Break traditions. While faculty and students are gone, we transform the entire campus into a Disney-like theme park and

spend our days riding flying elephants while we pine for your return.

We also work on the secret paths and underground city we have been patiently building over the last couple of Winter, Summer and Spring Breaks (we take Fall Break off to travel, but that's a different column).

In summary- be safe out there. Many of you will be working or helping family during your break. In all seriousness this is how I spent most of my breaks, and when sharing those breaks with my wife (Mrs. Dr. Bridges) we found it helpful to shout "SPRING BREAK WOO HOO SPRING BREAK!"

Some of you will get to travel to the beach or ski hills or whatever else people do for enjoyment.

When I say be safe, I know that many of you believe that [insert horrifying statistic] doesn't apply to you (since you are so special. And yes, you are).

But maybe it applies to your friend, and maybe since beer and strangers don't care about your friend, you can make sure they are ok this week.

SPRING BREAK WOO HOO SPRING BREAK!



Dr. Bridges is AVP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Mansfield University. He remains jealous of the friends that went to the Virgin Islands while he worked over break.

Have a suggestion for next issue's student organization of the week? Contact Dean Lee at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu).

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# The hours that we all put in

By DEAN LEE  
Features Editor

Most organizations on campus are to give the students something to do in their time and also to create hobbies for the students with those interests.

Basically all organizations have an executive board, which those are the people who bust their asses to make sure their organization/club stands out.

I know personally that I work as hard as I can to try and make *The Flashlight* look as good as I can make it.

Even though I am a commuter student I still stay until one or two in the morning to make sure that the paper looks good. After that I have a half hour drive that I could possibly crash because of exhaustion.

I know that who ever is reading this is saying well you choose to do that.

Yes, yes I do choose to stay late and drive home.

Even though I bitch, I know that the people that are involved in *The Flashlight* are the hardest working people. We put in so many hours, more than any other club or organization.

Let's break it down; SGA requires their executive board to have 420 hours of office time

per semester. Who knows if they complete their hours at all, or even if they do anything to benefit the student body with those hours.

Hell, for all we know they could be using up Student Activities funds to sit around and play games on Facebook or something. The student body really has no proof of anything that SGA does. Ok they may give organizations money to operate, but they don't give all organizations money to operate. Instead SGA expects the students of those organizations to use up their own precious time and money for their organization. SGA pays their people to work, for what exactly?

It's supposed to be a public service to the students not a paid job for the people doing the work.

In my case I end class at four on Tuesdays, after that I am here until one or two in the morning. That is 9 hours of work in one day. That means in one semester I will have 135 hours of work just in one day.

That is not even counting the time spent as "office hours," meeting with people for ads, interviews, and writing articles. All of that will add up to be over 500 hours a semester.

So even though I work my ass off working for the paper, I'm not here to say that all other organizations don't bust their asses

too. I want to inform all the others, those people who just sit in their room and play games, or watch movies.

I also know that the community service club puts in a lot of hours as well. They do not only have their club to worry about, but they have the community's needs as well. These people set their own lives aside to help out others that are in need. So who's to say that they don't put in more hours then us all? I'm not going to argue, but I'm going to say I don't think that they are working on organizational things until two in the morning.

I have to say that I don't believe that most people understand what an organization is all about until they are in the club.

There are many clubs and organizations on campus. I'm pretty sure that there is a club for every student on campus. There are over 3,000 students on campus, and there are over 80 organizations. That means that there are plenty of organizations for every student to join.

All I have to say is that there are plenty of organizations to join and plenty of opportunity, and you can also learn the secrets that most organizations have. You can join an organization like SGA or one like *The Flashlight*. Come join and spend your time.

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# Paging Doctor Mountie: Don't sweat the upcoming midterm stress

By **TRACY SOMERVILLE**  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Midterms are upon us once again, which means lots of test.

It is hard as students not to get stressed out during important weeks such as these. Studies have proven that too much stress can negatively impact ones test grade.

Instead of focusing on the test material, students get caught up on focusing how they are going to learn everything.

Some classes can get overwhelming and may seem impossible, but stressing out will just make matters worse. Stress can also cause health problems such as high blood pressure, anxiety, obesity, and aging.

So, how in the world do students calm down and reduce their level of stress?

First, students shouldn't study for hours

on end. This can lead to mindless studying in which you won't be learning anything.

Take some breaks once and a while to allow your brain to recharge.

Watch a movie, hang out with friends, or do whatever makes you feel relaxed.

This way, when you go back to studying you will feel more refreshed and ready to take in some more information.

Students should also make a study plan to give themselves plenty of time to study.

Do not wait until the last minute to start studying for exams. This leads to cramming and increased levels of stress. Start early and take your time in learning the information.

Break it up so that you are only doing a little bit each day. You will be more prepared for the test and you won't be stressed about waiting until the last minute.

If you feel like you are having trouble, get help immediately. Do not wait for anything to turn into a major problem.

Talk with your professor before the problem can escalate. Find somebody in the class or friends who understand the material.

Approach them and ask if they would be able to tutor or help you out. If you have friends in the class create study groups and study together.

Stopping any problem you may have early on is key. Don't be afraid to ask for help. It will always be available to you.

Stress can be easy to prevent. All you have to do is make a study schedule, take some breaks, and never feel afraid to ask for help.

This semester as you take on your exams just remember to don't stress it!



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<p><b>ARIES</b> <b>March 21 - April 19</b></p> <p>You need an emotional outlet — and that doesn't mean a punching bag! Unless boxing is your preferred means of venting, you need to find a non-aggressive method for handling all this.</p>	<p><b>CANCER</b> <b>June 22 - July 22</b></p> <p>This is the time to be assertive — whatever the situation may be. Things are looking up for you, no matter what, and as long as you stand up for yourself, you can do no wrong.</p>	<p><b>LIBRA</b> <b>September 23 - October 22</b></p> <p>You're not in the best of moods — but you can still deal with something that's not good for you or your people. It's a really good time to just enjoy that cup of coffee and wait for tomorrow to come.</p>	<p><b>CAPRICORN</b> <b>December 22 - January 19</b></p> <p>Your social energy is glowing red-hot today, so make sure that you spend time with other people — even online. You can make new connections with ease, and it may be a good time to start flirting.</p>
<p><b>TAURUS</b> <b>April 20 - May 20</b></p> <p>You can't keep these feelings bottled up for much longer — so make sure that you're speaking out! It may take more courage than you think you've got, but your energy is just right for it.</p>	<p><b>LEO</b> <b>July 23 - August 22</b></p> <p>Your thinking is even deeper than usual today, so you may find that you need to hide away for a bit to avoid distractions. You should arrive at some really interesting conclusions!</p>	<p><b>SCORPIO</b> <b>October 23 - November 21</b></p> <p>Your dreams are more vivid tonight — and at least one of them holds a clue for your future plans. Pay attention, write them down or just let them soak into your consciousness organically.</p>	<p><b>AQUARIUS</b> <b>January 20 - February 18</b></p> <p>Today is all about domestic business, even if you find yourself away from home for a chunk of the day. You may have to fix an appliance or smooth things over between family members.</p>
<p><b>GEMINI</b> <b>May 21 - June 21</b></p> <p>You have to be the one to kick things off today — even though your energy feels a bit tapped out. Just plaster a grin on that face and go for it — the results are sure to delight you!</p>	<p><b>VIRGO</b> <b>August 23 - September 22</b></p> <p>You're getting a vibe off of at least one person you spend the day with — and while there may be a subtext of romance, it's much more likely to be a different kind of compatibility. Embrace it!</p>	<p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b> <b>November 22 - December 21</b></p> <p>A philosophical difference may bring other, deeper issues to a head today — but conflict can be good! In fact, you may find that you and your opponent end up arriving at the same place together.</p>	<p><b>PISCES</b> <b>February 19 - March 20</b></p> <p>Your performance is amazing today — and that could mean almost anything, so go nuts! You should find that your energy is just right for showing others what you are capable of.</p>

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# Two Mountaineer basketball players earn postseason honors

Joe Bell has been named to All-PSAC East 1st Team honors and teammate Charles Pemberton was selected as PSAC East Defensive Player of the Year in voting conducted among the head PSAC East coaches.

It marks the third time Bell has been selected to All-PSAC East postseason honors and the second straight year he has been a 1st Team honoree. Pemberton becomes the first Mountaineer player to be selected as PSAC East Defensive Player of the Year.

Bell was the second leading scorer in the PSAC this season averaging 21.8 points per game. A three-time PSAC East Player of the Week selection, Bell scored 20 or more points in a game 17 times during the season including each of the last seven games. His career-best 41 point effort against Millersville was the second-most in the conference this season.

Bell, who ranks 14th in the nation in scoring, was also 7th in the PSAC in field goal percentage (53.0%), 10th in rebounding (7.4

rpg), 15th in free throw percentage (76.6) and 28th in assists (2.4 apg). The junior was 9th in the PSAC in minutes played per game (33.8).

Pemberton made a big impact for the Mountaineers in his first season with the program leading the PSAC in field goal percentage (66.5%) and blocked shots (2.4 bpg). His 62 blocked shots during the season broke the school record. Pemberton ranked 8th in NCAA Division II in field goal percentage and 22nd in blocked shots.

Pemberton also ranked among the conference scoring and rebounding leaders. He was 26th in the PSAC in scoring averaging 13.2 points per game and 6th in rebounding pulling down an average of 7.8 boards per contest. Pemberton also ranked among the conference leaders and topped the team with nine double-doubles during the season.



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Charles Pemberton had a school-record 62 blocked shots during the season.

## Weather wrecks havoc on softball schedule

By **DAVID BARR**  
*Sports Editor*

Due to inclement weather, the Mansfield softball team's games against Goldey-Beacom and the three-game series that had been scheduled against Seton Hill have been postponed.

The doubleheader matchup against Goldey-Beacom in Delaware has been re-

scheduled for April, 9 starting at 2 p.m.

At this time, no announcement regarding a new time for the Seton Hill series has been made.

Mansfield (2-1) will play five games in the WVWC Softball Challenge in Salem, VA starting with games against Chowan University and Shepherd University today Friday March 14.



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Joe Bell has made the All-PSAC East team every year at Mansfield.

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## Robinson breaks 1,000m record at IC4A Championships



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With setting a new record in the 1,000 meters, Mike Robinson now holds five indoor track and field records.

By **DAVID BARR**  
*Sports Editor*

Another track and field event, another broken record for Mike Robinson.

The senior runner broke his own record by nearly a second with a time of 2:25.52 seconds in the men's 1000 meter event. The record-breaking run came in Robinson's preliminary heat race on Saturday. Robinson finished second in his heat race and then finished seventh overall in his preliminary race.

That finish was good enough to qualify Robinson for the finals on Sunday. In the finals, Robinson finished fifth with a time of 2:26.22.

Robinson's time in the finals earned him Division I ECAC/IC4A All-East honors. He is the first Mountaineer athlete to earn that honor.

"With the meet being a Division I meet, and Mansfield being the only Division II school there, it was extremely special. What made it even more special was that I transferred from Division I Robert Morris, and

one of the ultimate goals while I attended there, was to be All East at this very same meet. For this reason, finishing All East means more to me than words can explain. Breaking that record again bodes very well for this weekend at NCAA's. It showed me that I have the strength and ability to run with anyone. It was a huge confidence boost. The meet helped me prepare in the sense that it was a trial race one day, then a final the next, which is what I will be experiencing this weekend. Hopefully the success there will translate into more success this weekend," Robinson said.

Robinson and two other members of both the women's track and field team (Laura Norton and Jess Scordino) will head to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to compete in the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 14 and 15. While Robinson, Norton, and Scordino are in North Carolina, the other members of the men and women's track and field teams will be participating in the Coastal Carolina Invitational.

## Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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20 -Softball vs Shaw University Noon -Softball vs Bluefield State College 2:20 p.m.	21 -Baseball @ Shippensburg University (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.	22 -Baseball vs Shippensburg University (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. -Softball @ Shippensburg University (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.	23	24	25 -Baseball @ Pennsylvania College of Technology (DH) 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. -Softball @ East Stroudsburg University (DH) 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.	26 -Baseball @ Lincoln University (PA) (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.



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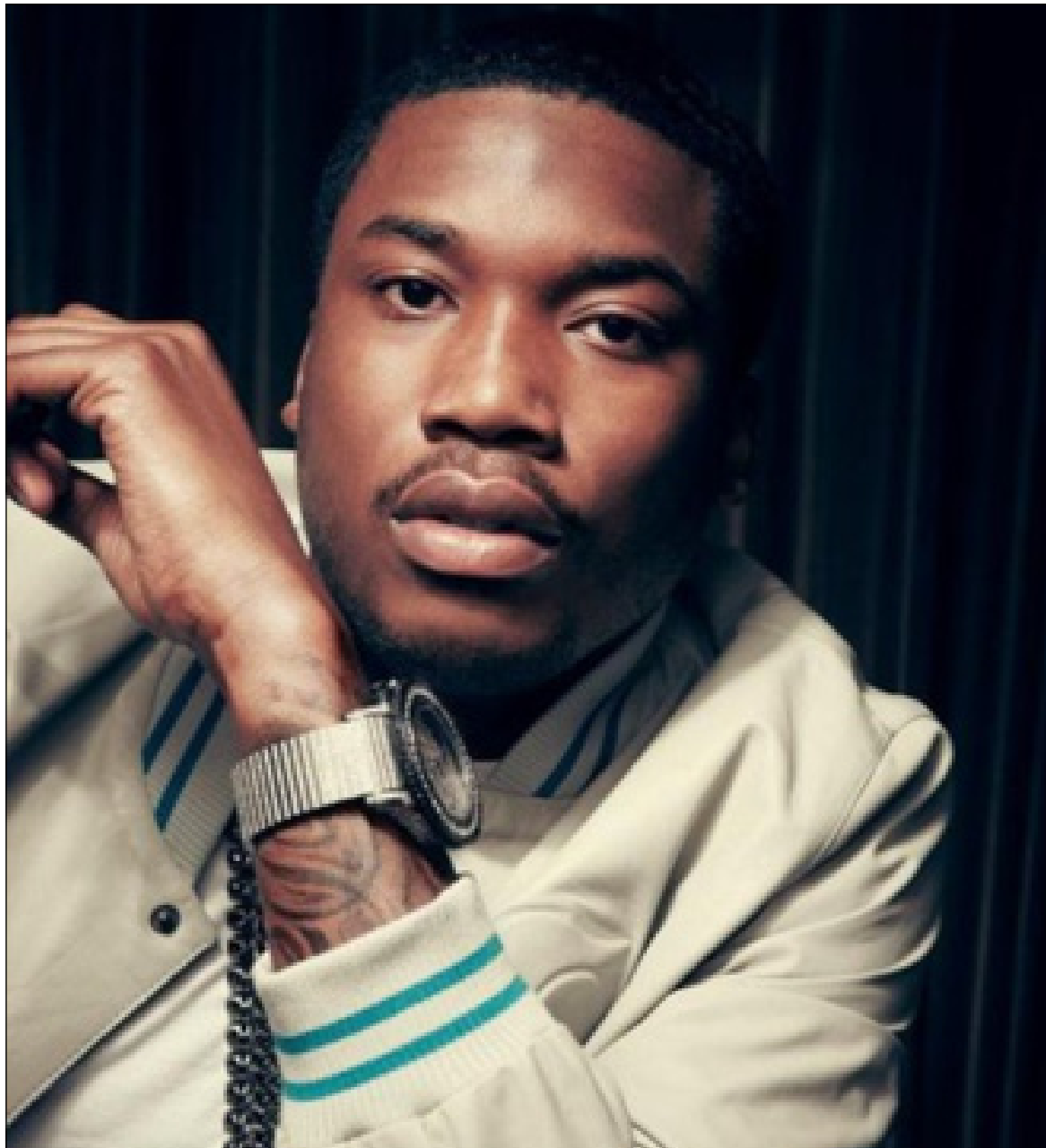


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Meek Mill and three of his friends formed a rap group called The Bloodhoundz from 2003 to 2007.

By **KATE CANE**  
*Celebrity Gossip Editor*

Rapper Meek Mill will perform for Mansfield University's spring fling concert in April in addition to performances from comedian Aziz Ansari and band New Politics.

The Mansfield Activities Council (MAC) normally hosts a

spring concert. Instead, comedian Aziz Ansari has been booked for Sunday April 27 at 8 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium. This will be part of his "Modern Romance" comedy tour.

One of the stars of the NBC comedy Parks and Recreation, Ansari is also a stand-up comedian. His last tour, Dangerously Delicious, in the summer of 2013

sold out many of the venues where he performed.

On Parks and Recreation, now in its sixth season, Ansari plays Tom Haverford, Amy Poehler's sarcastic and underachieving subordinate who considers himself an entrepreneur.

In addition to his TV and stand-up work, Ansari has also

appeared in several feature films, including Funny People, I Love You, Man, Observe and Report and 30 Minutes or Less.

"It cost us \$50,000 to get him to come here," MAC President Anthony Diasparra said.

The event will cost students \$5. It will be \$15 for faculty, staff and alumni and \$25 for the general public.

After receiving backlash from students and faculty for no concert, the SGA took it upon themselves to find a musical act. The university will now have a concert in Decker Gymnasium Thursday April 25 at 8 p.m. as well. The group performing is called New Politics.

New Politics is an alternative rock band from Copenhagen, Denmark. With a sound described as a blend of "punk, pop, and electronically induced dance rock," New Politics is touring the U.S., performing their own concerts as well as opening for Paramore and Fall Out Boy in some venues.

The trio of David Boyd, Søren Hansen, and Louis Vecchio have released two albums: New Politics in 2010 and A Bad Girl in Harlem in 2013. Their best known singles are "Yeah Yeah Yeah" and "Harlem." For more information on the band visit [newpoliticsrock.com](http://newpoliticsrock.com).

"We are pleased to be able to present New Politics in concert as a true collaborative student effort aimed at hosting a band that is new, upcoming, bold, high energy, talented and by all accounts on a course to break into the big time this summer," Steve Plesac, director of Student Activities and Student Programming, said. "All the stars aligned for us to host this band and now is the time to experience their show before they are limited to playing only larger venues on larger tours."

SGA along with other organizations is working to pay the

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Student falls asleep in lecture, faces repercussions from organizations

SGA bludgeons baby seals, sells hides for North Korean nuclear weapons

By BRYAN MAHOSKY  
*Mr. Editor*

Freshman Trevor White fell asleep during a lecture on Tuesday, March 25.

According to witness reports, White, 18, a Computer Science major, fell asleep during Man Dason’s class, Introduction to Writing (WRT-1101)

“It was probably 10 or 15 minutes into class when I noticed his head slinking down,” witness Chase Baker said. “[White] sits in front of me, so it was easy to tell.”

Baker, 19, is a sophomore Writing major enrolled in WRT-1101.

White is a senator of the Student Government Association (SGA) and is Vice President of the Mansfield University Coffee-drinking Union of Students (MUCUS).

“This shouldn’t affect [White]’s position in student government,” SGA President Joshua Gibbingsten said.

“Why are you asking me about this? This isn’t even important.” Dean of Students Bill D. Bridges said. Bridges serves as advisor to SGA.

“This behavior is uncalled for and unacceptable,” SGA Treasurer Jason Voke said. “I’ll be looking over our constitution and bylaws to see if I can find any grounds for impeachment against Trevor White.”

According to the SGA constitution, “A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the SGA shall be needed to send the impeachment claim(s)

to the SGA Administration Committee.” If the Administration Committee justifies the impeachment claims, then a second vote will take place in SGA, again requiring two-thirds (2/3) to pass. If this vote passes, the person in question will be removed from his or her chair.

“We in the MUCUS organization are deeply embarrassed by this act from our vice president,” MUCUS Head of Public Relations Katie Swan said. “We hold our members to strict standards to always have a satisfactory level of caffeine in their systems. The fact that [White] fell asleep in class reflects poorly not only on his own status, but the entirety of MUCUS as well. Repercussive actions will be looked into.”

MUCUS president Colton Schwartz declined to comment.

“Never in my 18 years teaching at Mansfield University has a student fallen asleep in one of my classes,” Dason said.

According to the syllabus for WRT-1101, falling asleep in class will harm a student’s participation grade.

“[White] will be penalized five participation points,” Dason said. “Each student gets five points for each day he or she is present in class. He might as well have just stayed home. Let the consequences of [White]’s actions serve as a reminder to the student body of what can happen when you fall asleep in class.”

By DEAN LEE  
*Features “Editor”*

The Student Government Association (SGA) pays Mexicans with student activities funds to bludgeon baby seals with bags filled with sand and dead puppies.

SGA has failed to do its job as a student government. “The executive board of SGA does nothing but sit around the office and call Mexicans on the office phone,” Treasurer Jason Whittle said. “What is SGA doing talking to Mexicans, and why are they paying them?”

Members of SGA have been paying themselves \$18,000 a semester, with student activity fee money to bludgeon baby seals and sell their hides to Northern Australia for their use in making nuclear bombs for North Korea. North Korea first went to Australia in hopes of creating an ally, but to their disappointment only wanted to boost their income and not be allies.

Australia needed someone to collect baby seal hides for them to make the nuclear missiles, so they sent out an email on the black market, to which president of SGA Joshua Grabson has responded.

“I have no means of knowing anything that happens in the black market,” Grabson said. Campus Technologies said that they have seen recent activity on the SGA president’s computer of unknown email systems. Campus Technologies has reports of phone calls made

to Mexico and Australia from the SGA office.

“We have no accounts and no means to help Australia or North Korea in these troubling times,” SGA’s Director of Public Relations Cole Blank said. “Because of retrenchment at Mansfield University, we only hope to raise money to support the school.”

“We only wish to acquire the baby seal hides to help create the nuclear missiles that North Korea will use to ‘aid’ their defenses,” said Australian’s Head of Secret Service and Military Affairs Francisco Handricks said.

Mansfield University’s SGA paid the Mexicans to stuff bags with sand and puppies, that SGA members cold heartedly killed by going on hunts for the puppies in North Korea.

“We no do not like our jobs,” said Mexican laborer Alfonso Rodriguez said. “W are only paid 25 cents per hour, and we have to smell the dead puppies. Sometimes the puppies do not fit, so we have to chop them up to little pieces or we put them in a big blender to make them fit.”

“There is only so many hours that the workers can work, but we push them and if they cannot perform their duty, we shoot them,” said Head of Security at Student Government Association Secret Underground Sweat Shop (SGASUSS) Dr. Brags said.

To this day SGA continues to hunt down innocent puppies, and they also bludgeon baby seals. The University just sits back and continues to do nothing about it too.

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group for the concert. Organizations like BSU, MAC and WNTe have already offered part of their budgets towards the concert.

This concert will cost \$5 for students, \$10 for faculty and staff and \$15 for the general public.

In addition to these two performances, Rapper Meek Mill will also perform Friday April 25 at 8 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium. Enactus President and BSU treasurer, Marquise Isaac-Rivers had been in contact with Mill’s agent since last semester. Though he usually performs for nothing less than \$80,000, Meek Mill agreed to do it for \$20,000.

“I had to do a lot of negotiating back and forth for months,” Isaac-Rivers said. “It was all worth it though. I wanted to bring some variety to the campus and get other schools to notice us and want to come visit.”

Meek Mill, is a hip hop recording artist from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was briefly signed to Atlanta-based record label Grand Hustle, owned by record executive

and fellow American rapper T.I. In February 2011, after leaving Grand Hustle, Mill signed a record deal with rapper Rick Ross' Miami-based Maybach Music Group (MMG).

After releasing several self-released mixtapes for free in his early career, Mill released his debut studio album after securing a recording contract with Maybach Music Group. The album, titled Dreams and Nightmares, was released in 2012, under MMG and Warner Bros. Records. This album, preceded by the singles "Amen", "Burn" and "Young & Gettin' It", debuted at number two on the US Billboard 200. Mill has also appeared on MMG's Self Made compilation series with his debut single "Tupac Back" and second single "Ima Boss" being included on volume one.

Meek Mill performed for Mansfield University in spring semester of 2010.

“It would be an honor to come back and show love to Mansfield [University] again,” Meek Mill said.

The Meek Mill That weekend Mansfield University is also hosting accepted days for accepted students who will attend in the fall.

**POLICE BEAT**

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-3/25/14- Local bum and scumbag Chance Cook, 21, found streaking through South Hall Mall. Cook was arrested and transported to Tioga County Prison.

-3/24/14- In preparation for Nerf Club’s Human vs. Zombies, student Dean Lee, 20, created a zombie virus. Lee infected four persons, identities unknown, with the virus to be used as target practice. Lee was declared mentally insane by Judge Mundy and has been locked up for public safety.

-3/23/14- The Flashlight sports editor Dave Barr, 22, was found in Hickory under the influence of copious amounts of chocolate milk. No actions will be taken.

-3/22/14- Dean of Students Dr.

Christopher Bridges was found guilty of cheating on “Words with Friends.” No legal action will be taken, but he will be looked down on with disdain and disappointment from his fellow Mounties.

-3/21/14- Cody Shenk was cleared of charges of treason to the United States after persuading a jury of his peers. His argument is as follows: “Come on. Come ooonnnnnn.”

-3/20/14- Dr. Kiessling, arrested last semester for the production and trafficking of meth, has been arrested for the growing and trading of marijuana. Police are unsure how he has managed to do this from within a jail cell.



# White declares war!

By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Mr. Editor*

Student Government Association Treasurer Jason White (aka Darth Supreme Evil Overlord Jason Vader White, aka Dark Lord Jasron, aka He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named but we did it anyway) has assaulted Belknap Hall and annexed Retan Hall.

White, backed by his army of despicable minions, led the charge on Tuesday, March 25, 2014. No reports of studenticide have been reported at this time. 34 students are claimed missing.

According to battle plans leaked by an inside source, the incursion on Belknap is the first step of a detailed 924 step battle plan to conquer Mansfield University.

"It all began with the forging of the Great Pens," student Colton Long said. "Three were given to the Dept. of Communication; immortal, wisest and fairest of all beings. Seven to the Geology Dept., great miners and craftsmen of the mountain halls. And nine pens were gifted to SGA, who above all else desire power. For within these pens was bound the strength and the will to govern over each student. But they were all of them deceived, for another pen was made. In the building of North Hall, in the fires of the Fifth Floor, the Dark Lord Jasron forged in secret a master pen, to control all others. And into this pen he poured all his cruelty, his malice and his will to dominate all life. One pen to rule them all."

"I've been in contact with my old army buddies," President and Brigadier General Francis Hendricks said. "Should [White] attempt any further attacks, I have ordered for an air strike on the facilities. In the meantime, I will be gathering the forces of the PASSHE school system to launch a retaliatory offensive on Belknap Hall."

"One does not simply walk into Belknap Hall," student Cody Shenk said. "Its double doors are guarded by more than just minions. There is evil there that does not sleep, and the Darth Supreme Evil Overlord is ever watchful. It is a barren wasteland, riddled with fire and ash and dust, the very air you breathe is a poisonous fume. Not with ten thousand students could you do this. It is folly."

White is suspected to move his armies next unto Allen Hall, where an alliance of Graphic Design and Communication majors has bunkered down. Should he succeed in his assault of Allen, according to newly appointed Master Tactician Alex Farley (formerly SGA senator), Butler will surely fall, and soon the

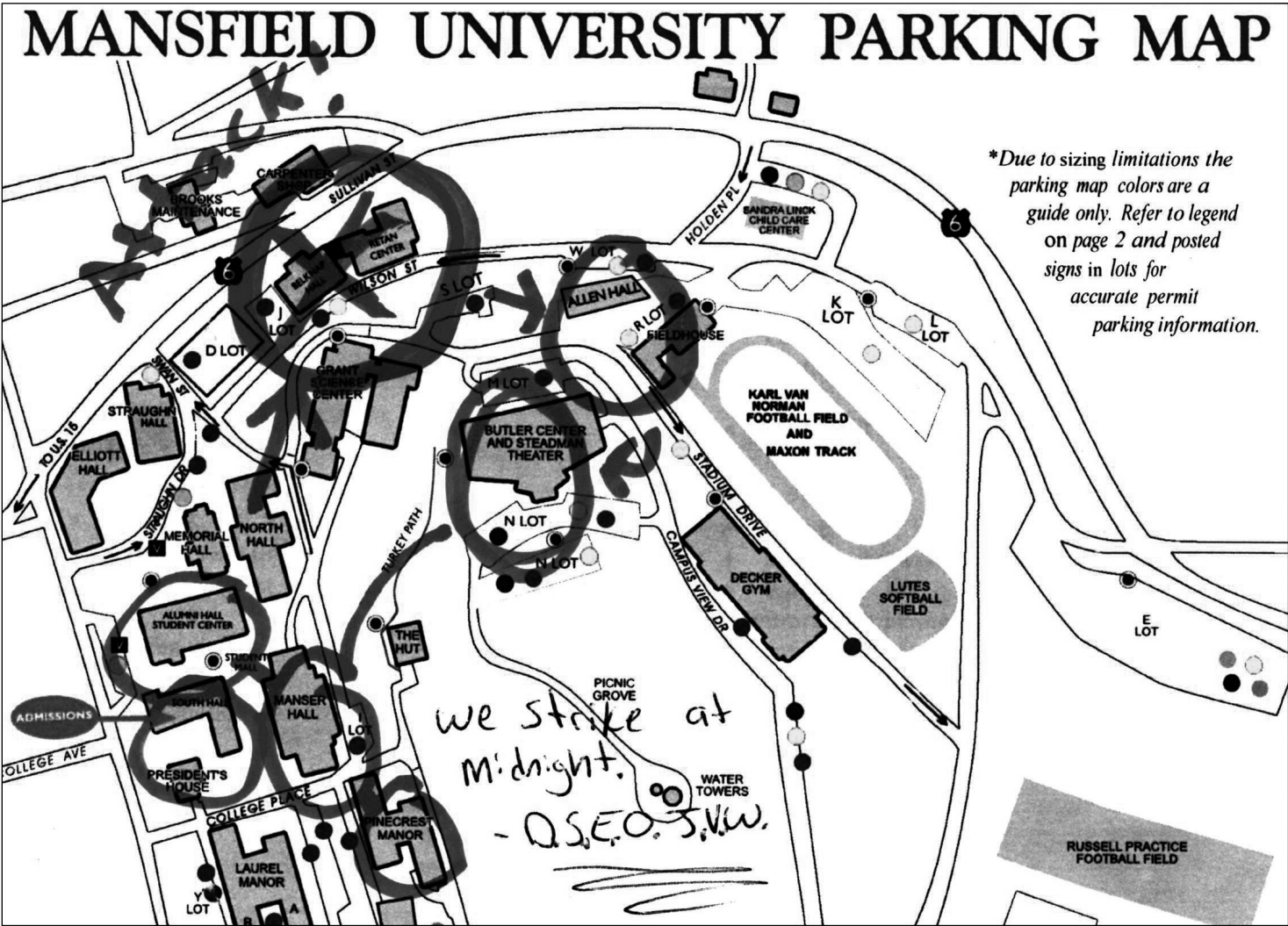


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White's battle plans, represented on this university parking map, show his intentions following his assault on Belknap. Allen Hall is next on He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named's list, followed by Butler, then Manser. From Manser, it appears that White will divide his forces to capture Alumni Hall, South Hall, and Pinecrest. The plans are signed "D.S.E.O.J.V.W." These presumably stand for Darth Supreme Evil Overlord Jason Vader White.

entire campus will be at risk.

"Hendricks does not understand the power of the One Pen. One by one, the free students of Mansfield University will fall to the power of the Pen," Long said. "The power of the Pen cannot be undone."

"We have reason to suspect that White is behind the disappearance of Malaysian Flight 370," Farley said. "For what purpose he might intend to use it, we have no hope of knowing."

"I'm so proud of [White]," White's childhood best friend Vladimir Putin said. "It brings a tear of joy to my eye."

"I'll be taking plenty of notes," Supreme Leader of North Korea Kim Jong-un said. "I hope it goes well for [White]. It also makes me realize I need a better title, I'm thinking 'The Most Regal and Benevolent Ruler to Grace the Divine Lands of Korea,' but it's a work in progress."



IMAGE COURTESY OF HENDRICKS ADMINISTRATION

Left to Right: MU President and Brigadier General Francis Hendricks, Darth Supreme Evil Overlord Jason Vader White, Spawn of White (location unknown, possible threat), SGA Secretary Michele Siegfried, SGA Parliamentarian Colton Long. If you know the location of Spawn of White, please alert the authorities; known Nerf sharpshooter. Note: This photo was taken before White broke the 2012 Treaty of Don't be a Dick and Conquer the University.

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## MISO will host its annual international spring festival next weekend



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAJHIRA HERBERT

MISO's Global Journeys theme expands from last year's theme, which was Moroccan Festival. At that event there was low seating and candles with tents on the corners of the rooms.

By **KATIE CRANE**  
*News Editor*

The Mansfield International Students Organization (MISO) is having its annual spring festival in North Manser next Saturday April 5 at 5:00 p.m.

There will be various performances which include instrumental performances, a Bollywood skit and a fashion show.

"This year, the theme is Global Journeys – a modern view to international relations and connections with the rest of the world," MISO President Daniel Teodoro said. "In a globalized society like today's, people need to see that the world is rapidly changing and MISO wants to portray a more contemporary view of cultures. People who attend will be part of a Journey through the world in a single evening, filled with excitement and fun, and did I mention international food?"

MISO has been growing in

membership in the last year.

"I would say we doubled in attendance," Teodoro said.

This increase in membership can be credited to the organizations' new approach to recruiting.

"Our improvements have been the outreach to American (domestic) students who feel they can't be part of MISO," Teodoro said. We have worked towards removing that mental barrier – image, and we have succeeded, since around 25% of MISO members are Americans.

The food will be from the Mediterranean, to Europe, Latin America, China, India, American, and a variety of African dishes.

"We have put together a menu that will satisfy every attendant and expose new flavors to those who love trying international food," Teodoro said.

Entertainment is a major focus for MISO. They want to display the talents of their members. This will include Jazz band, Indian dance,

African dance and Hispanic Music among other styles not mentioned.

The entertainment for the night will also include an international dress fashion show, which will display the traditional clothing of several countries represented in the university.

"If you have never been to a MISO festival make sure you don't miss it they put a lot of effort into making it fun," BSU PR Director Jajhira Herbert said.

Some students, associated with The Black Students Union, received an email with a link. This link was used to help students sign up for the festival. It will take students to a spreadsheet asking for information like your name and 18-digit ID for dining services. To put your information down, go to the top of the document and click "edit in browser."

Students who did not receive the email can contact Mary Beth Kollar at [mkollar@mansfield.edu](mailto:mkollar@mansfield.edu)

for information, tickets and to RSVP for the event.

Seating is limited to 120 people and everyone needs a ticket.

The deadline to obtain tickets is today Friday, March 28.

Admission is open to the public. This event is free to all Mansfield University students. It is \$10 for non-students.

This event is sponsored by MISO, SGA and CIE.

"The International Spring Festival, 'Global Journeys' is an evening of entertainment and fun, but it's also a unique opportunity for our students to expose themselves to new people and cultures, to open their minds to the world outside of the U.S. We will greet everyone kindly and embrace them in friendship, because that's what MISO is all about," Teodoro said.

MISO meets every Friday at 5:00 p.m. in Alumni 307.

All students are welcome to join the organization.



MU Students (with student ID) Pay \$6.50 on Thursdays  
Call 570-724-4957 for reservations

## SGA entertains CoF financial requests from student organizations

By BRYAN MAHOSKY  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Student Government Association (SGA) discussed Committee on Finance (CoF) financial requests on Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

Treasurer Jason White presented 11 requests from student organizations to be voted on during the weekly meeting. CoF would normally address these requests. According to White, CoF has not had the time to review the requests “due to the volume of appeals along with the extensiveness of the budget process.”

The appeals hearings, which were held earlier on Tuesday, were for organizations to appeal to CoF for funds that were denied from their budgets. The hearings took longer than expected, and continued on Thursday, March 27.

The requests that SGA entertained were:

- PCMEA reallocation for \$8,900 to go to funding for a trip to Vocal Jazz Festival
- PCMEA reallocation for \$620 to go to funding for visiting clinicians
- Hula Hoop Club allocation for \$ 263.95 to make 10 hoops with UV reactive tubing to be used for the AKL/SGA UV party at The Hut
- Political Science Club allocation for \$20 for t-shirts
- Black Student Union (BSU) reallocation for \$3,000 for New York City trip bus expenses
- BSU reallocation for \$350 to go to production of BSU Spring Fashion Show
- ENACTUS allocation for \$2,976.40 for a trip to a national competition in Cincinnati
- Council for Exceptional Children

allocation for \$1,814 for a convention in Philadelphia

•National Alliance of Saxophonists reallocation for \$300 for repair of a baritone saxophone

•Music Theater Organization reallocation for \$500 for a workshop with Cory Wilkerson

•Residence Hall Association allocation for \$7,449.64 for a national conference at University of Wisconsin

All requests were passed.

SGA voted on the approval of two proposed student organizations.

Austin Zimmerman presented the first organization, the MU eSports Club. The eSports club is an organization with interests in playing games competitively online. Examples of these games are “League of Legends” and “Smite.”

According to Zimmerman, MU eSports Club was seeking validation from SGA to request funding for portable external hard drives. At least 10 students are interested in this organization.

Nicholas Hibshman presented for the second club, the Pingpong Club. The Pingpong Club is an organization that will meet to play pingpong.

According to Hibshman, the Ping-Pong Club is seeking recognition from SGA in order to purchase pingpong tables. At least 14 students are interested in joining.

The votes to recognize the MU eSports Club and the Pingpong Club passed. Because the deadline for budgets this semester has passed, these clubs will have to wait until next academic year to request funding.

The next SGA meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1.

## PSECU adds to scholarship fund at MU

The Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU) continued its support of Mansfield University students recently with a deposit of \$3,500 to the PSECU Scholarship Fund.

PSECU e-Center Manager David W. Sikorski, along with Mansfield University students and PSECU employees Emily Shosh, Jacquelyn Vinton and Hanna Johnson made the presentation to President Fran Hendricks.

PSECU has made an annual contribution to the fund since its campus branch was established in 2004. PSECU Scholarship recipients are returning students selected by the scholarship committee with preference given to credit union members.

“We truly appreciate the continued support of PSECU in the form of scholarships for our students, as well as sponsoring many campus events and in providing banking services to our campus community,” Hendricks said.

PSECU sponsors and supports several events at Mansfield, including the upcoming Senior Transitions Conference. PSECU was also the presenting sponsor for the “Light It Up...Again” night football celebration last September.

The PSECU e-Center is located in Manser Hall. The credit union also maintains an ATM in Alumni Hall.

## New SGA executive board members to assume responsibilities soon



In a few weeks, the term for the current executive board of the Student Government Association (SGA) will be over, and a new group of senators will be taking their place.

To get a better understanding of the new individuals who will be holding these positions, let's start by introducing them for those who may not already know.

Replacing Josh Gibson as SGA President will be Victoria Malatesta, a junior from Bloomsburg, PA majoring in Graphic Design. Malatesta designed the graphic for the Mountie shuttle last semester.

Malatesta is on the field hockey team and works with sports information in the athletic department. She is “very excited for the new E-board we built up” and “thinks we have a lot of potential to really help make our university better for all of us.”

Rebecca Adams will take Trevor Clark's position as Vice President. Adams is a junior from Rochester, NY pursuing Elementary Education with a focus on Special Education.

Adams is on the field hockey team. She and Malatesta created the slogan “Let's Do This” or #letsdothis for the E-board and SGA. Much like #LoveMU, the slogan is a call-to-arms for all the students to work together and do everything they can to improve Mansfield University.

Jared Berken will be the new Treasurer taking Jason White's place. Berken is a junior from Aberdeen, WA majoring in Political Science with a Criminal Justice minor.

Berken plays sprint football and is the vice president of the Political Science club. He is a commissioned officer in the Vermont Army National Guard, and a member of the new Military and Veterans organization.

The new Parliamentarian will be Austin Zimmerman, who will be replacing Colton Long. Zimmerman is a freshman from Los Angeles, CA majoring in Biochemistry.

Zimmerman is a brother of Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity and a member of Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

Replacing Cole Black as the Public Relations Director will be Dan Cwieka, a junior from Hackettstown, NJ pursuing a Criminal Justice major and a Political Science minor. He is the Treasurer of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and has a work-study job at North Hall library.

The new Information and Technology Director will be Tara Warriner, who will be replacing Dillon Mulroy. She is a junior by year, but senior by credits from Shinglehouse, PA majoring in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics with a Business Administration minor.

Warriner is the Treasurer of Order of Omega, Treasurer of Pan-Hellenic Council, President of Delta Zeta sorority, a member of Honors Association, a member of Math Club, Secretary of Computer Science Club, and a member of Dolls of Destruction roller derby team in Troy. She also has three work study jobs: a tutor at the Learning Center, a lab monitor for the Computer Science department, and a student worker at the Campus Technology Center.

Any questions or comments can be directed to the Mansfield SGA website at <http://www2.mansfield.edu/sga/>.

## MU to host Community Financial Aid

Mansfield University will host a Community Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, April 1 and Wednesday, April 16, 4-7 p.m. in Elliott Hall, Room 108.

The sessions are free and open to any student attending, or planning to attend, any college or university.

Mansfield University staff members will be on hand to answer question and assist students in filling out their Free Application

for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms. Computers will be available.

Before the workshop, students should apply for their student and parent federal pin number at [pin.ed.gov](http://pin.ed.gov). They should bring their parent and student 2013 Tax information to the session.

For more information, go to [esd.mansfield.edu/community-financial-aid-night](http://esd.mansfield.edu/community-financial-aid-night)



# Student organization of the week: The Nerf Club



PHOTO COURTESY OF DYLAN KRALL

Participants of last semesters human verses zombies.

By **DEAN LEE**  
*Features Editor*

Many of the students at Mansfield University see the other students running around with Nerf guns ready for a fight, many of the students continue to do their regular business, but some take up arms and join the fight against the zombies.

The Nerf Club hosts its biannual humans vs. zombies Nerf war. In this event, students and community members come out to join the fun. It all starts with one random zombie, and then the virus spreads to hopefully claim all humans.

During one week (this semester from April 11-18) the zombies will try to overcome the human population. Sometimes the humans deplete fast so they get a bonus like antidotes that turn zombies back into humans. Sometimes the zombies can't overcome the humans, then they get bonuses like a special zombie that can only be stopped with a special weapon. There are some rules that go along with the game for safety reasons, like no gameplay in buildings and humans get 10ft or 10 seconds entering and exiting buildings. Cars are considered buildings.

To conclude the event, the remaining humans have to make it to extraction. During this event, the humans must face off against the zombies for a certain amount of time. Whoever is standing at the end wins the game.

During this time the school hosts an over night visit day to let the new students see the campus and get involved.

The Nerf Club strives to provide a way to get

rid of the stress of schoolwork; also to create leaders in a team based setting while having fun.

Other than humans vs. zombies, the Nerf Club also creates small daylong games. For instance, they had the Hunger Games in which 20 people participated in which the club resembles the Hunger Games book. They also do capture the flag as well.

There are 15 voting members, and 20-160 members that are active. The executive board consists of President Dylan Krall, Vice President Daniel D'Amato, Secretary Seth Lomas, Treasurer Zach Rossetti, and Historian Mercedes Doing.

The club participates in other activities, they communicate with Admissions to schedule their games during visit days. Also the club shoveled this winter. For five dollars the club would go and clean the snow off your car.

"We want to be an actively participating organization that benefits the students," Krall said. The organization is always looking for new members. They are open to commuter students as well, and even high school students and alumni come back to play.

The club meets the week of Monday-Wednesday after spring break. Then they meet the whole week before human vs. zombies in Alumni Hall Student Center at 8:00pm.

"Nerf Club provides an outlet for students and professors to get to know each other in a setting other than the classroom. It also builds strong bonds between people on campus who generally wouldn't hang out, outside of the game," said Rossetti.

## Book Review: *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* by Malcolm Gladwell

By **DAN MASON**  
*Flashlight Advisor*

Gladwell suggests that many social phenomena can be studied by thinking of them as epidemics. Diseases have vectors and carriers; so do social fads and anomalies. Twenty years ago young men wore belts. No one walked around with his pants around his knees. Now it's barely remarkable when a young man's boxers are on display. Thirty years ago no man would wear an earring unless he was a pirate. Now football players, Torrin Polk, University of Houston receiver, revere their coaches thus, "He treats us like men. He lets us wear earrings." Gladwell suggests that there are people in every society who make such social changes happen.

Among the characteristics of "tipplers," according to Gladwell, there are three significant types of people. Connectors have sociable personalities and bring people together. Mavens collect and like to pass along knowledge. Salesmen are adept at persuading the "customer." Six-Degrees-of-Kevin-Bacon is a party game in which people try to connect Hollywood personalities to Kevin Bacon through their movies. There are many people in the world who are even more connected than Bacon who spend their time introducing, informing and selling people.

Gladwell introduces the reader to some living connectors, mavens and salesmen and shows them at their work.

"Stickiness" is another factor in whether a social phenomenon will "tip." Some diseases are easy to pass along and difficult to get rid of. Social phenomena share those characteristics. Cigarette commercials have been off the air for more than 30 years, but hum a few bars from "The Magnificent Seven" and anyone over 40 will immediately identify the music as coming from a Marlboro ad.

Gladwell coined the term "Tipping Point" which has entered the language much as "Catch-22" and "The Peter Principle" did. The tipping point is that event or time or number of people involved which will start the social epidemic.

Perhaps the most famous social epidemic in history was the American Revolution.

There were many factors leading up to the revolution, but the tipping point might have been Paul Revere. Revere was both a carrier and a vector. He was connected socially and politically to many people in eastern Massachusetts. Revere was not the only person to try to warn of the march by the British, but who remembers the other guys? They were normal men. Revere was a carrier.

Gladwell explores several social trends and argues that anyone, from PR flacks to captains of industry to doctors, politicians and journalists will be able to do their jobs more effectively if they seek the relevant tipping points and apply the appropriate nudge.

Book recommendations come from everywhere. I heard about this book when I read Al Franken's "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right." It made such an impact on him that I had to read it. Does that make Franken a connector? Perhaps in a small way. Will The Tipping Point take off because of Franken's book? Probably not. It will take off because it's an idea whose time has come.

I am not sure I buy everything that Gladwell argues in *The Tipping Point*, but his basic premise is unassailable. He points out many examples of social epidemics and reveals their tipping points. Upon further thought, I was able to come up with such epidemics myself. I do not know their tipping points, but it's no stretch to imagine there is one.

When the United States has been spending more money than ever before on an anti-smoking campaign, why are young people smoking in greater numbers than ever before? Because the money is not being spent nudging the Tipping Point.

We have been at "war" against drugs for most of my life. Why have we lost that war? Because we have not even identified the Tipping Point, let alone started tipping it. (Why we're still fighting that lost war is a question for another time and place.)

I didn't know this concept was missing from my life until I read the book, smacked my forehead and said, "Why didn't I think of this?"

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“from the editor’s desk”

Editorial

Time, space, and regrets

By DEAN LEE  
Features Editor

We all have a limited amount of time on this earth, some long some not so long. It’s what you do with that time that makes you who you are and what makes your legend.

Take for instance the Malaysian flight 370. The people on that plane may have been young or old, big or small, healthy or sick, but their time came and ended. Do we know any of those on board of the flight? Do we know their stories other than what we see on the news? Did those people have any regrets? Did they?

It ended that fast, for them. What if that were you? Would you have any regrets? If you were told that if got onto that plane you would die, would you get on knowing that you had the life you wanted to live?

I sure as hell would not get on it. I have regrets, but that is what makes me human. My human instinct would instruct me to not get on the plane, but my personality would. I would do so to get rid of all the regrets that I have to push my memories aside, and to conquer my fears.

It would be a bold step, but

one that I would take. Fortunately, that is only hypothetical, which would never happen, because I am afraid of heights.

So, I ask again, would you take that step? Would you get on that plane? Would you be willing to accept your fate as you have lived? To be forgotten about and left by your friends and loved ones?

An old friend of mine once told “Only the good die young,” then she went on to tell me that she is turning 80 in a month. I found that to be an interesting statement. If only the good die young, then that leaves bad people to rule the earth. And why do the good die young, what wrong have they done if they are good. That is a topic for another day.

What is it that makes us live long or short, is it the choices we make, the life we had, or something else (NOT GOD)? Some religious folk (like my uncle says, “you will not get far in life without God”) me I am an ATHEIST, and I’m proud to be one. Who is to say though that I will not get far in life without a god, I don’t even know if a god exists or not. So how can I judge my life on something that may or may not exist?

I want to know the answer to my questions, but there is not one

person in this world who will have an answer to my question. I want to know why we live, and how we live. I want to know if a druggy was willing to get on that plane, knowing they would die. Would they do it or not? Did they live the life they wanted?

There are so many questions to be asked, and so much to do things. Instead people do not ask these questions. They do not have fun with the time they have. People, why do you not live life to the fullest? Why do you sit around on your phones all day?

There is an old saying (that I just made up) “He who stares at his phone will see the days pass by, and do nothing about it.” So I ask again, why do you sit around on your phone all day? Is there something that you wanted to do with your life?

I know there is always something I wanted to do. I wanted to invent something. Something cool, something exciting, something never seen before, but that day will never come. Instead I am a computer scientist, one who stares, just like everyone else.

My time is against me, I know this, I have always known this. It is not a matter of “if” but “when,” when will my time be. When will yours be? There is a clock above us all we cannot see it, but we all know its there.

When is the last time you told your mom you loved her? When is the last time you hugged your dad? How long has it been since you saw your sibling?

When is the last time you texted someone, or got on the computer? When is the last time you played a video game?

We all make choices, and we all have regrets. Why do our regrets hold us back, why can’t we have fun? Your time is coming just like mine.

I just hope you spend it wisely, because I know that I have regrets, and I have not spent mine wisely.

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# Paging Doctor Mountie: The weekends are not all about drinking

By **TRACY SOMERVILLE**  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Going to classes and doing homework all week can be a lot of work.

When the weekend rolls around it may be nice to go to the bar and unwind with some friends. Statistics show that about 4 out of 5 college students drink alcohol.

About half of these college students also consume alcohol through binge drinking. Drinking large amounts of alcohol can become detrimental to your health.

Alcohol can negatively affect your brain, liver, immune system and much more.

The effects of alcohol on the brain are pretty obvious. Most will experience difficulty walking, blurred vision, slurred speech, slow reaction time, and impaired memory.

All of these effects are dependent on how much you drink and vary from person to person.

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Too much consumption of alcohol at one time causes impaired judgment and can lead to dangerous life choices like drunk driving. The rate of drunk driving is highest among 21 to 25 year olds which is right where most college students fall.

Every day in America about 28 people die from drunk driving. While there is no proof that alcohol permanently damages the brain over time, it makes no difference if you are lying dead on the side of the road.

Unlike the brain, your liver can become permanently damaged from drinking. Alcohol passes through the liver to become detoxified which makes your liver work overtime.

This extra work can lead to alcoholic liver disease which includes fatty liver, alcoholic hepatitis, chronic hepatitis, and cirrhosis.

The liver performs many essential functions related to digestion, metabolism, immunity, and

the storage of nutrients within the body.

As you can see the liver does a lot for the body. Overtime cirrhosis of the liver will lead to death.

Since the liver helps with immunity, it makes sense that the immune system would be affected as well.

This impairment makes your body more susceptible to disease. Your body can stay susceptible to diseases for up to 24 hours after drinking.

Chronic drinkers are more likely to contract pneumonia and tuberculosis compared to those who don't drink as much.

If you haven't noticed already, most of these problems are caused from excessive and frequent drinking.

There is nothing wrong with the occasional outing to a bar with your friends. Just remember when you do go out to drink in moderation and to always be responsible.



Tracy Somerville is a junior nursing major. Upon graduation, she would like to get a job on an Oncology floor in the Baltimore or Reading area. She would also like to go on multiple medical mission trips to Africa in which she can use her nursing training to show them the love of God.

### A Salute to Veterans

By Dan Mason

Unscramble the *Tolerant Men* below. The phrase under each is a clue. Put the unscrambled letters into the blanks to the right. When you have unscrambled a name, transfer the letters from the blanks to the quote-grid below, putting the letters into the appropriately numbered boxes. You may find it helpful to work back and forth between the jobs and the quote grid.

#### Army Jobs

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HASTY NANNIE	— — — — —
Is "dumber than a manatee"	8 7 40 32 — 20 33 17 37 30 19 24
HILAR HUMBUGS	— — — — —
Craves viagra and oxycontin	— 34 38 39 — 4 36 28 9 41 2 11 35

**Answers to last week's puzzle:** Cavalry, Infantry, Grenadier, Quartermaster, Helicopter pilot, Combat Engineers, "People sleep peacefully in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf."

### Quote grid:

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# Softball posts 7-2 record over spring break

By **DAVID BARR**  
*Sports Editor*

The Mansfield softball team played nine games over break and won seven of their games.

The first game was against Chowan University. Mansfield was dominant on both sides, limiting Chowan to only a single in the top of the first inning, while scoring four runs of their own in the 4-0 win. Ashley Inman put Mansfield on the board when her single to center brought home Kate Pratt. Pratt's double in the third scored Stephanie Simmeth and made it 2-0. Simmeth brought home two runners in the fourth inning with a two-RBI single to make it 4-0. Pratt did the rest, holding Chowan hitless for the remainder of the game and shutting them out.

The next game was against Shepherd. Inman again put Mansfield on the board first when her double brought home Simmeth for an early 1-0 Mansfield lead.

Emily Crandell's single brought home Kaitlyn Harris for Mansfield's second run of the game and a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning.

Shepherd cut the deficit in half in the bottom of the fourth inning but Mansfield responded in the fifth inning on an RBI single by Inman who brought Courtney Bauder home all the way from first base, giving Mansfield another insurance run and a 3-1 lead.

The Mounties would need it as Shepherd loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh

inning, but a heads up play by catcher Alanna Jenkins kept Shepherd from stealing home on a wild pitch and Simmeth finally ended Shepherd's hopes for a walkoff win by making an over-the-shoulder catch to end the game.

Winston-Salem State University was the next opponent for Mansfield on the Ides of March.

Courtney Bauder made it 1-0 in favor of Mansfield, scoring on a fielding error after she doubled to left. The 1-0 lead didn't last long as Winston-Salem hit a solo leadoff homerun to tie the game at 1 apiece and then took the lead on a bases-loaded single to go up 2-1. Winston-Salem added to their lead with another solo homerun for a 3-1 lead.

After that, Mansfield took over the game, loading the bases on a fielding error and another fielding error brought home Simmeth and Bauder to make the score 3-3. The Mounties took a 4-3 lead thanks to Kayla Hahn singling home Pratt in the third inning.

Field errors led to Mansfield's next three runs and the final one came on a Pratt single that scored Bauder for a final score of 8-3.

The next game resulted in Mansfield's first loss of the tournament.

The game was a pitching duel that Mansfield lost in the sixth inning. Concord scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth and Mansfield cut the deficit to one run when Pratt scored on a fielding error. Mansfield's rally came up short when after Kaitlyn Harris was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt for

the second out and the final out came on a groundout to shortstop.

Mansfield got back on track against the University of Charleston in the final game of the West Virginia Wesleyan College Softball Challenge. Simmeth singled, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt, reached third on a wild pitch and finally scored on a fielder's choice on an RBI by Inman to give Mansfield a 1-0 lead. Charleston tied the game 1-1 in the fourth, before Mansfield broke their hearts.

A pitching duel ensued in the fifth and sixth innings before Simmeth led off the seventh inning with a double. She moved to third on a sacrifice bunt and Charleston decided to walk the next two Mansfield batters to load the bases with only one out recorded. Kayla Hahn stepped up to the plate literally and figuratively as she hit the winning RBI to shallow left center to bring home Simmeth for the walkoff win.

After ending their time in the West Virginia Wesleyan College Softball Challenge with a dramatic win, Mansfield headed south to the Winston-Salem Tournament in North Carolina.

The first game ended with the mercy rule in effect against Shaw as Mansfield pounded out 19 runs on 17 hits. They were assisted by four Shaw errors. The second game was much closer as St. Augustine's was able to limit Mansfield to four runs. However St. Augustine's was only able to muster one run and Mansfield won 4-1.

The next game against Winston-Salem State University was cancelled so the next matchup for Mansfield was a doubleheader against Shippensburg.

Mansfield managed a split with the Lady Red Raiders, losing 2-1 in the first game and winning 5-0 in the second game.

In Game 1, a field error and a sac fly gave Shippensburg a 2-0 lead before Mansfield got on the board with a Courtney Bauder RBI single that brought home Amanda Goodwin. That was as close as Shippensburg allowed Mansfield to get as the Lady Red Raiders put a halt to Mansfield's rally in the seventh inning.

Game 2 was a different story as Mansfield scored its five runs on two homeruns and a fielding error. Simmeth hit a solo shot (her first of the season) to give Mansfield an early 1-0 lead and Pratt made it 2-0 on a fielding error. The backbreaker came courtesy of Amanda Goodwin as she smashed a three-run homerun to make it 5-0 in favor of the Mounties.

Mansfield was scheduled to take on East Stroudsburg on Tuesday afternoon but that doubleheader was cancelled and no makeup date has been announced. The next game for Mansfield will take place on Friday against the Golden Rams in West Chester in a doubleheader scheduled to start at 2:00 p.m.

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Ohio Valley scored its only two runs of the game in the fifth inning and never seriously threatened as Mansfield added seven more runs via a throwing error that scored Tentnowski and Kiessling, a fielder's choice RBI by Taylor Hillson, a bases-clearing double by Tressler, who was thrown out at third, and a Baylor RBI single.

Game three was a nail-biter as Mansfield held off Hillsdale 10-9. Mansfield found itself down four runs after the top of the first inning, but they rallied with seven runs to take a 7-4 lead going into the top of the second inning. Mansfield scored its final three runs in the fourth inning then sweated out a four-run fifth inning by Hillsdale and Hillsdale cut the deficit to a single run with a one-run sixth inning.

Hillsdale's first batter flied out to center field. They got the tying run on base, but the runner was caught trying to steal second base and the final out came on a groundout to second base.

Mansfield earned its fourth straight win on the trip over Farmingdale State College. The Mountie bats were hot again as Mansfield

scored 11 runs in an 11-5 blowout. Mansfield got homeruns from Baylor and McClair in the third and fifth innings respectively. Baylor's homerun tied the game at three and Mansfield took the lead for good on a fielding error by Farmingdale. The Mounties added two runs in the fourth, and five in the fifth. The final two runs came on McClair's homerun to make it 11-5.

The Mounties' only loss came at the hands of Slippery Rock University.

For the first time all trip, the Mounties were held below ten runs in a 7-3 defeat. Mansfield scored all of its runs in the top of the first inning, but it was all Slippery Rock from there as they tied the game after the first inning and added four more runs in the seventh inning. Owen Lukens struck out to lead off the ninth inning. Mansfield threatened to plate two runners but Brandon Miller popped into a double play to end the game.

Mansfield returned to its winning ways with a 15-9 victory over Lock Haven.

Lock Haven opened the game with four runs but Mansfield responded with three runs of their own in the first and tied the game on a Tentnowski bunt single in the second inning. Mansfield took the lead when Schanzenbach

doubled home Tentnowski and Tressler for a 6-4 lead. Mansfield wasn't done as it added three more runs to jump out to a 9-4 advantage. Mansfield tacked on another run before Lock Haven cut the deficit to 10-6 in the fifth. Mansfield answered with two runs of its own to go up 12-6. The teams traded scoreless sixth innings before they each added three runs in the seventh inning. The score stayed that way for the remainder of the game with Mansfield walking away with a 15-9 win.

Mansfield returned to Pennsylvania to open PSAC play against Shippensburg.

Shippensburg cooled off the Mansfield bats, holding them to four runs each in the doubleheader in Shippensburg.

In the first game, Mansfield finally got on the board in the fourth inning to cut the deficit to 4-1 and tied the game at four in the sixth inning. Shippensburg earned the walk-off win in the bottom the seventh with an RBI single to win 5-4.

It was a different story in the second game as Mansfield clung to a slim 1-0 lead for the first four innings before Shippensburg exploded for 11 runs in the fifth to put the game away. Mansfield managed to score three more runs but that wouldn't be nearly enough

to mount a serious comeback.

Mansfield was scheduled to play Shippensburg again the next day in another doubleheader but soggy field conditions caused the games to be pushed to this Thursday (the 27).

Mansfield's next opponent was Pennsylvania College of Technology. Mansfield scored a combined 26 runs in the doubleheader. Johnny LeClair was responsible for most of the damage as he blasted four homeruns and had 11 RBIs combined in both games.

In the first game, Mansfield took a 2-1 lead after the first inning then proceeded to add five more runs after a scoreless second inning for a 7-3 win.

In Game 2, LeClair opened the scoring for Mansfield with a three-run homerun to put the Mounties up 3-0. LeClair added a solo homerun in the fourth inning, then for good measure, smashed a grand slam in the fifth inning as part of a seven-run output for Mansfield. Mansfield plated two more runs in the sixth inning for a 19-5 win. Mansfield is now 12-5 as of printing with doubleheader games to be played on Wednesday against Lincoln University, against Shippensburg on Thursday, and Kutztown on Friday.



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Baseball goes 5-1 on road trip, starts 0-2 in PSAC East

By DAVID BARR  
*Sports Editor*

The Mansfield baseball team earned a 5-1 record during a six-game road trip during spring break before dropping its first two division games.

The first game for the Mounties came against Kentucky Wesleyan College and the Mountaineers brought their bats for this game.

Mansfield had 14 runs on 13 hits on the day. Westyn Baylor got things started for Mansfield with a two-run homerun in the first inning that made it 2-0 in favor of Mansfield. Seth Tressler added another run in the second inning when he singled to center to bring home Anthony Renz. Mansfield increased its lead to 4-0 when Stanton Tentnowski stole home and Tressler stole second.

Renz scored on a solo homerun in the fourth and Brandon Tressler had a bases-loaded RBI single that brought home Zephah Kash and made it 6-0. Eric Schanzenbacher added another run on fielder's choice, scoring Tentnowski from third.

Mansfield tacked on four more runs in the fifth inning. Tressler had a two-RBI double to center that brought home Kash and Johnny LeClair and then Tressler and Dave Glueck scored on an RBI single by Brandon Miller.

Kentucky added two runs of their own in the sixth and seventh innings before Mansfield added one more run in the seventh to make it 12-2. The twelfth Mountie run came on a solo homerun by Tressler.

Five Mansfield errors in the eighth led to five KYU runs and a 12-7 lead for Mansfield. Mansfield tacked on two more runs to make the final score 14-7.

Game two was against Ohio Valley University and the Mountaineer offense stayed on a hot streak, scoring 10-plus runs for the third straight game. It was 5-0 after five innings thanks to a Westyn Baylor RBI groundout to shortstop, a sac fly by Marshal Kiessling, a two-RBI double by Tentnowski and a Johnny LeClair RBI single.

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Seth Tressler has a batting average of .391 as of Tuesday.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
27 -Baseball @ Shippensburg (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.	28 -Baseball vs. Kutztown (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. -Softball @ West Chester University (DH) 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.	29 -Baseball @ Kutztown (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. -Softball @ Kutztown (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.	30	31	1 -Baseball vs. Lock Haven (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. -Softball @ Bloomsburg (DH) 2:30 and 4:30 p.m.	2
3	4 -Baseball vs. West Chester (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. -Softball vs. Lock Haven (DH) 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. -Track and Field @ Colonial Relays	5 -Baseball @ West Chester (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. -Softball @ Millersville (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. -Track and Field @ Colonial Relays	6 -Baseball vs. IUP (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.	7	8 -Baseball @ Slippery Rock (DH) 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.	9 -Softball @ Goldey-Beacom (DH) 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.



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## Lebron bringing his talents... to Mansfield?

By DE CISION II  
*Annoyed Miami Fan*

Highly-publicized and often widely-criticized NBA superstar LeBron James has shocked the basketball world again by declaring his intent to leave Miami.

Much like the original Decision where James took an hour on ESPN to announce that he would be joining DeWayne Wade and Chris Bosh in Miami starting in the fall of 2010, James again announced his intent to not play basketball in Miami using ESPN.

Dubbed The Decision II, James announced on ESPNU that not only would he not be returning to Miami, he wouldn't even be returning to the NBA.

James declared that he would be taking his talents right here to Mansfield University. Apparently, James had a secret campus visit during the recent spring break with men's basketball coach Rich Miller and a few days later decided to enroll at Mansfield University.

"The men's basketball program has a wonderful history and I look forward to continuing the tradition of winning here at Mansfield University," James said.

The decision surprised the entire men's basketball organization, as James had given Miller no inkling that he was considering joining the team.

"We are so proud that we will be having a two-time defending NBA champion join our squad. Everyone is looking forward to next season with the addition of LeBron James. The nice thing is James is able to play all five positions on the floor when he is on the court, which is a matchup nightmare for our opponents," head coach Rich Miller said.

The reason James is coming to Mansfield University is a unique one. James went to the NBA straight out of high school and according to James, he "never got to experience the college life, having to live in dorms with a roommate, going to class, homework, partying, all that good stuff,"

Mansfield is also out of the public eye for the most part, so there will be a reduction in the amount of media publicity that James will have to deal with, which is a plus and one of the reasons that James chose to come here.

One of the downfalls of being at



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LeBron James has a career average of 27.5 points per game.

Mansfield is that Mansfield is a Division II school, which means that this time next year, James will not be able to participate in the NCAA March Madness tournament.

"That crossed my mind, but eventually I decided that it would be easier for me to play basketball for only a few months and be able

to focus on school in March and April rather than trying to juggle school and crisscrossing the country in the March Madness tournament if I went to a Division I school," James said.

James has not decided on a major but he mentioned that he is leaning towards major-

ing in communications so he can make the transition from ball player to broadcaster easier after he retires from the game.

"I think announcing would be fun and this would make the learning curve a little easier on me," James said.



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## Mansfield University students attended the senior transitions conference



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATIE CRANE

It took Chip Hiden and Alexis Irvan (on stage: L-R) about seven months to edit all of the footage from "The Dream Share Project" which was turned into a documentary film.

By **KATIE CRANE**  
*News Editor*

Mansfield University seniors attended the Senior Transitions Conference March 29 through March 30 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

A coach bus transported students to the conference around 5:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

Students arrived in Harrisburg around 8:30 a.m. for registration.

The opening speaker was Megan O'Hare. O'Hare works for Land of Lincoln Health in Chicago, Illinois. She spoke about following your passion.

"Those that are willing to take some risks, step out of their comfort zone and follow their passions will be those who will obtain the biggest rewards," O'Hare said.

Attendees were given a notecard to write three of their goals that they wanted to complete. Two had to

be professional and one had to be personal. Students that wanted to share had the opportunity to do so.

"I want to go to Thailand," one student from Lock Haven said.

"I want to write a novel," Mansfield University student, Serena Chapman said.

"I want to run a marathon," O'Hare said to the audience.

Next, students got to eat lunch. Their meals were provided based on the option chosen during registration. During this time Christina MacGill of Penn State University gave a dining etiquette presentation where she showed students how to behave in a social setting during an interview or other events.

"Whether or not you want to admit it, your manners will be observed and evaluated," MacGill said.

After lunch, the sessions began. At this time, students could choose

the presentation that they wanted to attend out of four. Session #1 included "Digging up DIRT on Your Co-Workers" (Ms. Christina MacGill, Penn State University), "Alternatives to the Workforce" Panel (Ms. Lauren Wright, Mr. Ed Shiflett, Ms. Christy Lejkowski, Lock Haven University), "Evaluating the Job Offer & Benefits Package" (Mr. Jim Scott, CareerChoiceFirst) and "LinkedIn & Social Media" (Dr. Michele Papakie).

Lauren Wright, Ed Shiflett and Christy Lejkowski spoke about their personal choices and decisions made after graduation. Instead of going straight into the workforce Wright went into the Peace Corps, Lejkowski joined the AmeriCorps Vista and Shiflett worked then continued his education.

During session #2 students could choose between "Finding Your Way Around a New Community" panel (Ms. Megan

O'Hare; Mr. Raymond Roy-Pace, Birney Prep Academy; Mr. Tom Saveri, United Country Realty Pioneers), "Repaying Student Loans" (Ms. Rita Evans, PHEAA), "Job Searching" (Mr. John Snyder, Slippery Rock University) and "Your Finances, Your Future" (Ms. Sara Walter, PSECU).

In "Finding Your Way Around a New Community" panel, O'Hare, Roy-Pace and Saveri spoke about the struggles and culture shock that come with moving away.

Mansfield University Alumnus, Saveri, spoke about moving from a suburban city in Pennsylvania to Mansfield.

When people think of Pennsylvania, they think about Philadelphia and Pittsburgh," Saveri said. "They don't know about Alabama in the middle."

"Change takes time, but moving can be a positive event in your life," Roy-Pace said.


The next session included "How to Brand Yourself" (Ms. Pamela Weinberg), "Repaying Student Loans" (Ms. Rita Evans, PHEAA), "Job Searching" (Mr. John Snyder, Slippery Rock University) and "LinkedIn & Social Media" (Dr. Michele Papakie).

Weinberg taught students how to brand themselves and create a positive image of themselves. She also taught the seniors how to stand out and attract employers.

After this session, all the students came together to hear a presentation on networking. Here, students developed elevator pitches. An elevator pitch is a concise presentation of an idea covering all of its critical aspects. It reflects the idea that it should be possible to deliver the summary in the


Weekly Weather

Friday

 Showers


High:48 Low:41

Saturday

 Cloudy


High:49 Low:30

Sunday

 Partly Cloudy


High:49 Low:29

Monday

 Few Showers


High:54 Low:34

Tuesday

 Showers


High:49 Low:35

Wednesday

 Cloudy

High:44 Low:29

Thursday

 Partly Cloudy

High:42 Low:26

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# Info-To-Go

## Campus Bulletin Board

- Cheerleading Tryouts Monday - Thursday, 7 - 10 April Decker Gym Lobby. Questions? muchoer\_lulu@yahoo.com
- Graduate students to give final conducting recital on Sunday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Come to see exactly how Mansfield University is “developing tomorrow’s leaders” when two graduate students take to the podium to lead the MU Wind Ensemble in Concert. Mr. Graham Kerick and Ms. Julia Federico will lead the Grammy Eligible MU Wind Ensemble in concert and featuring interpretations of chamber music and music for large ensemble. This recital is a culminating element of their degree work for the Master of Arts in Music with an Emphasis in Instrumental Conducting. You will never see a concert like this again as these our our last two MA students

in this program. Bring the whole family. It is open to the public and free of charge.

- Attention seniors: Its not too late to submit your Graduation Dedication. Graduation from college is a major milestone. Congratulations on your achievemen! Don’t forget to thank your families, professors and friends that have helped you reach this point by submitting a Graduation Dedication for the program that will be giving as a keepsake at graduation!

This is your opportunity to acknowledge your family members who helped you achieve your dream of a college education, share a special memory of a time spent with friends or thank a professor who may have had an impact on your success at Mansfield University. Whoever you choose to thank, it will be a memory cherished for a lifetime.

All contributions thorough this special program will be counted toward your class legacy gift. It’s easy to do. Fill out the Graduation Dedication form and return it with payment to the MU Foundation at 524 North Hall or abrooks@mansfield.edu. All dedications must be received by Friday, April 18, 2014.

# POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -
- 3/28/14- Members of the residence life staff reported that 2 unknown male subjects had put a significant amount of water on the floor and walls of one of the elevator cars at Spruce Manor. The investigation continues.
- 3/27/14- Members of the residence life staff reported that the residents of room 241 Spruce had reported that person(s) unknown had thrown an egg against the exterior of the door to their apartment.
- 3/26/14- Residence Life staff members contacted police advising of

an alcohol violation on the 3rd floor of Sycamore. Police arrived at the scene finding Mitchell Blascak, 20, and Zachary Standish, 21, to have consumed alcohol. Charges: Blascak was charged with underage drinking and referred to campus judicial, Standish was referred to campus judicial.

-3/26/14- Taylor Hannan, 20, is being judicially referred and will face a criminal charge relating to the theft of an iPod from a room on the third floor of Hickory Manor, which originally occurred on 1/29/14. As a result of the subsequent theft investigation, the iPod was recovered.

-3/24/14- Members of the campus dinning services staff reported an alleged incident of retail theft involving a known individual. The individual reportedly consumed a beverage inside the establishment without paying for said item, which had a reported retail value of \$3.49. An investigation is on-going.

# World News

## Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com



- 4/1/14- After 25 days, plenty of ocean trash and questions, but no sign of Flight 370
  - Malaysian authorities release transcript of radio communications
  - Change in language renews criticism of Malaysian-led investigation
  - Source: The plane’s turn off course is being considered a “criminal act”
- 4/1/14- Washington landslide death toll rises to 27
  - The massive landslide took place March 22
  - Authorities released the names of 19 of the dead
  - Twenty-two people still are missing, authorities said
- 4/1/1- White House: Obamacare sign-ups top 7 million
  - White House spokesman says administration hits initial sign-up target
  - More than 4.8 million visits to HealthCare.gov were made on Monday alone

- Enrollment in program steadily grew following rocky rollout
- The surge in sign-ups includes a good number of young people
- 4/1/14- Ukraine crisis: NATO suspends cooperation with Moscow
  - Ministers agree on measures to “reinforce NATO’s collective defenses” -- official
  - NATO says it will suspend civilian and military cooperation with Russia
  - NATO chief says he sees no sign Russia is pulling back its forces from border area
  - Gazprom says the price Ukraine pays for Russian natural gas will increase, starting Tuesday
- 4/1/14- Mississippi death row inmate Michelle Byrom to get new trial
  - Defense attorney “grateful” for decision, applauds “just and fair result” in case
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# Conference

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time span of an elevator ride, or approximately thirty seconds to two minutes. The students had to sell themselves to fellow students.

Finally, students had to put their new networking skills to the test by speaking to other students and having them sign if they fit one of the characteristics on the page. Some of these characteristics were “has blue eyes,” “has multiple tattoos” and “is left handed.”

After networking, students were free to eat dinner. This meal was not included in registration. Transportation options to downtown Harrisburg were available or students could stay at the hotel restaurant.

Day two of the conference focused mainly on the steps needed to get hired.

Attendees had specialized schedules for the day. Everyone had breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

Next, select students would do mock interviews with volunteer professionals while the rest went to workshops. Those workshops included “Resumes That Get You to Work” and “Interviewing Skills: What Employers Look for.”

“These sessions reinforced what I’m

learning in business and professional communication class,” Monica Wilkerson said. “I enjoyed it.”

The keynote speakers were Chip Hiden and Alexis Irvan. This couple is responsible for “The Dream Share Project” workshops, film and most recently the book.

Alexis graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a degree in print journalism. She spent her college years exploring politics – interning for a Congresswoman, editing a political research journal, and registering young voters for the non-profit, Rock the Vote. Alexis wants to write, pursue social justice, create art, travel the world, and leave it a better place than she found it.

Chip graduated from Washington College with a degree in history. In college, he started Chipapalooza (a non-profit that raises money for diabetes research), founded a campus radio station, and planned all-campus concerts and events. He has a passion for adventure, charity, music, and entrepreneurship. Chip’s life mission is to wake people up to their true potential.

The documentary follows Chip Hiden and Alexis Irvin, two recent college graduates, on a road trip across America, as they explore how successful people have chased their dreams. Along the way, the pair learns about topics

like: discovering one’s passion, committing to a dream, dealing with setbacks, and redefining success for the Millennial generation.

The Dream Share Project features eye-opening advice and anecdotal wisdom from an Olympic skier, one of the original Latin Kings of Comedy, a slam poet, a Project Runway fashion designer, the CEO of a sustainable flip flop company, and many more.

The Dream Share Project is a film that encourages people to live up to their fullest potential and reject societal pressure to “play it safe.”

“They inspired me to work towards my real passion and to take a chance,” Mansfield University senior Aquoya Royal said.

Students could register for the conference by visiting <http://career.mansfield.edu/conference>. Here, students will have to fill out an application that asks basic questions like name, major and ID number. Registration ended Friday February 28.

Hotel accommodations were included with registration.

Conference attire was business professional.

Students that registered, but could not attend the conference, had to contact Donna Miner at [dmilicev@mansfield.edu](mailto:dmilicev@mansfield.edu) to cancel in order to avoid a charge of \$50.



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# Phi Beta Sigma raised money and awareness at a 2K14 tournament

By KATIE CRANE

News Editor

Phi Beta Sigma hosted a 2K14 tournament in the Spruce multipurpose room Sunday March 30.

This marks the first event hosted by the fraternity this year. Though the Sigmas are often involved in community service on and around campus.

There were 16 participants.

"They were all men, but a hand full of women came to support and donate," Vice President Marquise Isaac-Rivers said.

The sigmas were able to raise money for Relay for Life.

"Chris Martir and I planned this event with a simple idea that we got from our own personal interest. We knew 2K was popular and we were looking for a way to raise money for Relay for Life which highlights our philanthropy, American Cancer Society," Isaac-Rivers said. "American Cancer Society is an organization that is close to many individuals' hearts and raising a little bit of money is the very least that we can do as brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated."

Da'quan Jones was ultimately crowned the winner of the tournament.

"We used our own game system and also got some participants to allow us to use theirs as well," President Chris Martir said. "Greek life is not funded the way organizations are so we had to use our resources to the best of our ability."

Phi Beta Sigma is a social/service collegiate and professional fraternity created under the motto "Culture For Service and Service For Humanity" and to promote brotherhood, scholarship and service.

I joined because of the core principles, Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service. These are three of the most important things in my life and this fraternity displayed them perfectly. Also, the idea of family stuck out the most. Growing up in a household as the only male, I always longed to have a brother and finally found that in my blue family. I would not picture myself being in any other fraternity than Phi Beta Sigma," Isaac-Rivers said.

Phi Beta Sigmas on campus have not lost sight of this motto while attending Mansfield University. The fraternity participates in many fundraising activities for nonprofit organizations like March of Dimes and The American Cancer Society.

Every Sunday the Sigmas have a campus clean up from Elliot to Kelchner Fitness Center.

"We pick up cups, cans, wrappers and anything that may be left from the weekend," Martir said.

They are looking to include other fraternities, sororities and students to join them so

that they are able to cover more ground in the future.

Every year, when the weather permits, Phi Beta Sigma hosts Sleep Out for the Homeless on campus. During this, students can camp out with their sleeping bags from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. During these hours they collect donations like canned goods, clothing and other items.

The fraternity also participates in Sigma Educational Time at the YMCA. Here, they help children with classes or homework they may be having trouble with. After homework, the Sigmas play games, sports and do crafts with the kids.

Among the mentioned activities, Phi Beta Sigma also helps the Mansfield Public Library. The library often has book sales along with DVD and CD's to help with fundraising.

"Since we are big on the educational and learning aspect, we help them set up the tents and tables and carry all the books in and out before and after the book sale," sigma and former student, Troy Godient said.

The Sigmas have also begun to plan for their second annual Sigma Week at Mansfield University. Last year, Sigmas had several activities like women's appreciation in which flowers and candy were given to women on campus.

"We hope to do it bigger this year," Isaac-Rivers said.

Phi Beta Sigma was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on January 9, 1914, by three young African-American male students with nine other Howard students as charter members. The fraternity's founders, A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would exemplify the ideals of Brotherhood, Scholarship and Service while taking an inclusive perspective to serving the community as opposed to having an exclusive purpose. The fraternity exceeded the prevailing models of Black Greek-Letter fraternal organizations by being the first to establish alumni chapters, to establish youth mentoring clubs, to establish a federal credit union, to chapters in Africa and a collegiate chapter outside of the United States.

Phi Beta Sigma's mission states: The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma are the Fraternity's most valuable resource and strength. They are the primary means by which the Phi Beta Sigma objectives will be achieved. In order to accomplish the Fraternity's objectives, it is essential that systems are instituted that effectively embody "Culture For Service and Service For Humanity" and promote brotherhood, scholarship and service.

"We are Sigmas trying to make a difference here at Mansfield University," Martir said.



PHOTO BY MONICA WILKERSON

Marquise Issac-Rivers (L) and Chris Martir (R) congratulate Da'quan Jones (Middle) for winning the 2K tournament in Spruce.

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# Book Review: *Needle*, by Hal Clement

By DAN MASON  
Flashlight Advisor

Hunter is an extraterrestrial law enforcement officer. He is hot on the tail of another of his race who has proved untrustworthy. Hunter's quarry kills.

Hunter is like nothing on earth. He is a four-pound blob of self-aware protoplasm. He can move about and form rudimentary seeing and hearing organs as needed, but by himself he is practically helpless.

Hunter and his quarry are of a race of symbiotes. They bond with other, stronger creatures and work as a team. The symbiotes keep their hosts alive by killing infection, supplying a little extra muscle when and where needed, supplying information the host doesn't have access to because of their unusual position inside the host. The motto they live by is "Do the host no harm."

Hunter's quarry has broken this motto, which has the strength of law. He has been condemned to death.

The story opens after the quarry inhabits a perit, a small humanoid with muscles but little mental capacity, the extraterrestrial version of a trained horse, and steals a space ship. Hunter follows in his own perit, in his own ship. The ships crash land on earth. Hunter survives, though his ship and his perit do not. Hunter oozes into a shark, which he accidentally kills because sharks are cold-blooded and don't have enough oxygen in their blood to keep themselves and a symbiote alive.

The shark washes up on shore where the Hunter, poking an eye out of the shark's gills, sees several other creatures. The one with four legs is of no interest. The bipeds seem to be the dominant species. Biding his time, Hunter oozes through the sand and into the body of Bob Kinnaird, a 14-year-old boy. Hunter has found a home and a base of operations from which to seek and kill his fellow protoplasmic blob.

Unfortunately for the Hunter, the next day Bob decamps. He flies for many hours then buses for several more before arriving at a boarding school.

Hunter is on a planet that doesn't know anything about symbiotic relationships with intelligent creatures. He doesn't speak any of the languages. He doesn't know where he is or where he was. His quarry, the one with little regard for the lives of its host, is probably still near wherever their ships crashed.

Hunter has to get back to the crash site and kill his quarry somehow before his quarry starts killing humans.

Hal Clement was writing science fiction back when science fiction used science to tell

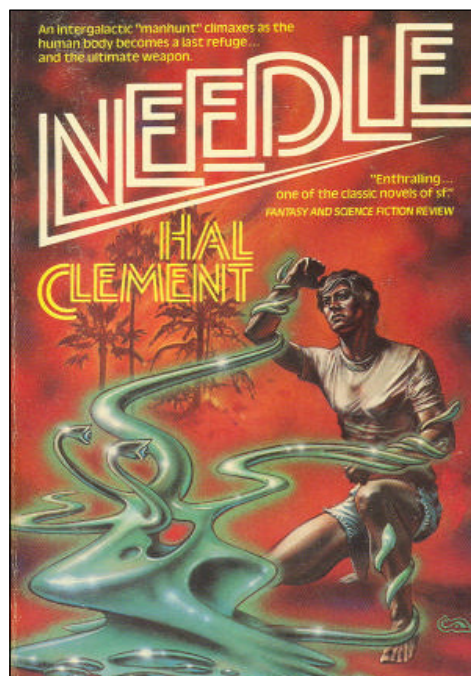


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In 1998 Clement was inducted by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame

the story. He set up realistic, self-consistent scenarios then told his story.

*Needle* was written for the young adult market. The protagonist is an ageless symbiote living in a young man. The symbiote has to learn how to communicate with his host then introduce himself without scaring his host to death, grossing him out or killing him. Then he has to convince his host that he is a good guy and the other symbiote is a bad guy, and the host must help the Hunter kill the other.

I read this book when I was a young man and loved it. I was looking for something to share with my family, and this came to mind. It's a great story. It reads aloud well. My daughter and my wife enjoyed the story.

There was a lot to talk about. How would we react if we were in a similar situation, either the Hunter's or Bob's. What would life be like with a symbiote? How could we take advantage of never being sick or the minor "super power" of having the Hunter's senses added to ours?

The fact that much of the story takes place in Hawaii, but was written before Hawaii was a state added to the oddness. Getting into the technological mindset of the 1950s, before general use of computers, before inexpensive telecommunications, before CAT scans, MRIs and the other wonders of modern medicine, added to our discussions as well.

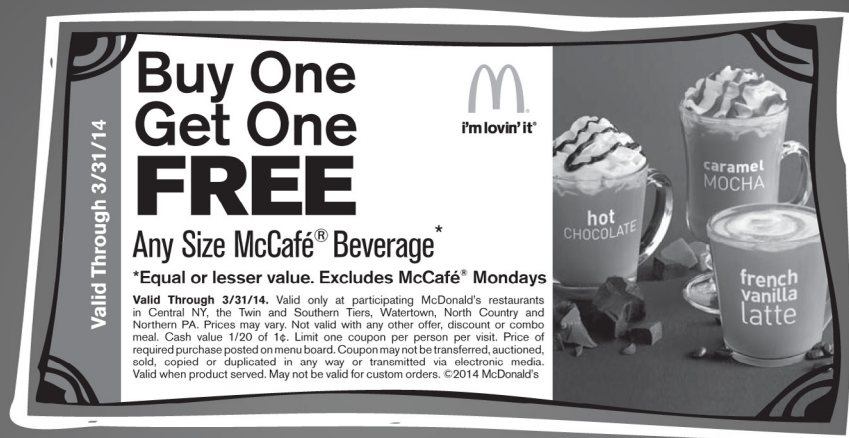
The book is dated, but the story is great and the "prehistoric" setting fascinated my audience.



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Editorial

SGA: “Students Serving Themselves?” V.2.0



By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

SGA entertained a motion to allocate \$600 to itself to purchase gifts to give to its members on Tuesday.

I was on the edge of my seat as the vote was being called; my hands were clasped in what might resemble a position of prayer. The motion was voted down, but not without significant support.

I find myself having extreme issue with the fact that almost half of the members of SGA supported this proposition after so many student organizations were denied certain funding throughout the budget process CoF had overseen.

Among the numerous approved budgets for next year,

the most common phrases used when denying funds were: “Denied out of need to make cuts in order to be fiscally responsible due to limited availability of student activity funds” and “Denied because CoF did not feel the request constituted a significant benefit to students and the university.”

To the members who voted for the money to be used for gifts for members of SGA, I ask this: How does the \$600 worth of gifts to the members of SGA parallel with the concept of being “fiscally responsible due to limited availability,” and how do the gifts constitute “a significant benefit to students and the university?”

I posed a question in an editorial at the beginning of the semester, which I feel I must echo

again. SGA’s slogan is “students serving students.” Is it instead “students serving themselves?”

I cannot see the justification in almost half of the students voting for giving themselves presents with student activity money when it is almost 100% likely that any other organization would be denied these very same funds.

If this vote had passed, a precedent would have been set that other organizations could do the same thing. It seems evident that those that voted in favor of this proposition either didn’t think of what consequences could follow, or did consider this and are simply fiscally irresponsible.

Or the third option, of course, they are greedy. I would hope this is not the case of the students in our student government.

I understand the importance of being recognized for hard work, but sometimes material items aren’t the correct route to express this. This is especially true when you don a mantle of fiscal responsibility.

On the other hand, I am proud of those who voted against this proposition. Thank you for making the right call. Perhaps you aren’t the evil, corrupt, seal-bludgeoning organization you’re sometimes made out to be.

To conclude, I would like to remind the members of SGA that they are indeed there to serve the entire student body. Voting in favor of giving yourself a present is not serving other students, specifically when that money could be put toward other students going on educational trips that were denied to them.

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# Horoscopes

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## ARIES

March 21 - April 19

Your financial condition needs a tweak or two — so get busy! Your sense of the situation is clearer than it has been in ages, and that means you can make practical changes with confidence.

## TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

You're feeling better than you have in quite a while — and not just because you pulled the perfect prank! Your energy is just in sync with the universe, so it's easier to get things done right.

## GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

Try to see today's big obstacle as a time-out — you can get past it, but it is sure to take a few days at the least. If others are worried, lend them some of your confidence and keep working.

## CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Try to get out there and mix it up socially — your spirit needs company! It may be time for you to ask out that new coworker or to throw a party of your own. Make something great happen!

## LEO

July 23 - August 22

Your career is taking off in a new way — though it may not be what you were hoping for. That's okay! In fact, events that seem to run counter to your plans are probably better in the long run.

## VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

You have deep sympathy for someone you may not have gotten along well with in the past. Your great energy helps you forge new bonds, and you should be able to get past a problem more easily as a result.

## LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

You are at the peak of your powers when it comes to romance or attracting other kinds of attention. It's one of those days when you're sure to find that the right people are looking your way.

## SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

One of your primary relationships needs some love — so focus on it to the exclusion of almost everything else! You may find that your energy is dissipating a bit by the end of the day.

## SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

This is a great day for communication — and not just because everyone's expecting to get pranked! Your energy is great for pitches, mash notes or just plain old boring correspondence.

## CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

Creative power is flowing through you like electricity — so make the most of it! You can find new ways to clear off your work list, show your sweetie you care or just have fun with friends.

## AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

An older relative is causing some interesting problems today — but none so terrible that you can't handle them. It may just be a tricky negotiation, but that's not the sort of thing that daunts you.

## PISCES

February 19 - March 20

You have got to step up your game when it comes to communication. Things are getting weird for you, but the good news is that if you make yourself heard as clearly as you can, all will be well.

### Word of the Week:

ca·pric·ci·o [kuh-pree-chee-oh; .

1. Music. a composition in a free, irregular style.
2. a caper; prank.
3. a whim; caprice.

### Quote of the Week:

"Never, never, never give up."  
-Winston Churchill

### Fact of the Week:

Pirate Bay once tried to purchase its own island in an attempt to create its own country without any copyright laws.



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Louis Sick was charged with the loss in the second game against Shippensburg after going 1.1 innings and allowing one hit and one earned run.

## Baseball drops two more games to Shippensburg University

By **DAVID BARR**  
*Sports Editor*

Mansfield played Shippensburg in a doubleheader on March 27.

The doubleheader was a makeup from the previous Saturday that was delayed by inclement weather.

In Game 1, both sides traded scoreless first innings before Shippensburg recorded all three of its runs in the top of the second inning. The score stayed that way for the next two innings before Mansfield got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Taylor Hillson singled to right field and brought home Stanton Tentnowski for Mansfield's first and only run of the game. Mansfield had one last chance in the bottom of the seventh inning but it was three up three down for Mansfield and Shippensburg held on for the 3-1 win in Game 1.

Game 2 was a different story. Neither team had a hit in the first three innings. Mansfield struck first in the fourth inning when Brandon Miller managed a walk with the bases loaded, bringing home Tentnowski for a 1-0 lead.

Shippensburg answered with two runs in the top of the fifth inning and then made it 3-1 after the top of the sixth inning.

Once again Mansfield found itself down by a score of 3-1 entering the bottom of the final inning. The Mounties got their second run enearned when Hillson reached

first base on a fielder's choice. A throwing error led to Marshal Kiessling advancing to second base, Miller to third and it brought home Scott Rockwell for a 3-2 Shippensburg lead. Mansfield then tied the game on Seth Tressler's single. Miller scored to tie the game and Kiessling was thrown out at home from center field trying to win the game.

With Kiessling unsuccessfully attempting to win the game, the Mounties went into extra innings. The seventh inning was Mansfield's best chance to win as they had runners on first and second, but couldn't push the winning run across the plate. Shippensburg made Mansfield pay by scoring three runs in the top of the eighth inning. Mansfield got one run when Hillson singled to third base and reached second base on a throwing error. The error made it possible for Miller to score and make the score 6-4. Mansfield managed to get the tying run on second but Shippensburg got the final out to preserve the win.

Mansfield was scheduled to play Kutztown and Lock Haven University in doubleheaders this week but inclement field conditions have postponed those games.

The doubleheader at Kutztown against the Golden Bears will be played on Monday April 7. The doubleheader against Lock Haven has been postponed with no makeup date announced. As of this printing, the Mounties will play Kutztown on Wednesday as scheduled and is scheduled to face the West Chester Golden Rams on Friday afternoon.

## Softball loses doubleheader to West Chester Lady Golden Rams

By **DAVID BARR**  
*Sports Editor*

The Lady Golden Rams defeated the Mountaineers in a doubleheader at West Chester University (WCU).

The doubleheader was pushed back from last Friday to Monday. In the first game, Mansfield blew a 2-0 lead and lost 3-2.

Mansfield got on the board when Kate Pratt singled home Stephanie Simmeth for a 1-0 lead. Pratt scored to make it 2-0 lead when Amanda Goodwin doubled to center field later in the first inning.

That was all Mansfield would score as WCU tied the game at 2-2 in the bottom of the second inning and then took a 3-2 lead

for good in the bottom of the third inning.

Mansfield managed to get two runners on base with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, but Courtney Bauder flied out to second base to end the threat and the game.

The second game didn't go Mansfield's way either as the game was tied after the first inning. It was all West Chester from there as the Lady Rams scored three runs in the second, four in the fourth, and one in the sixth for a 9-1 win.

Mansfield was scheduled to play the Lady Huskies of Bloomsburg on Tuesday but that matchup was been cancelled. They will travel to Kutztown to face the Lady Golden Bears on Wednesday.

## March's Athlete of the Month



### Softball's Kate Pratt Pitcher/Infielder

**Pratt earned this recognition due to her impressive stats at the plate and on the mound. Pratt has a .333 batting average with 13 RBIs and 3 homeruns. On the mound, Pratt has a 3-1 record with an ERA of 1.50 and a fielding percentage of .979**



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## Robinson named PSAC Indoor Athlete of the Year

Mansfield University's Mike Robinson has been named Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Men's Indoor Track Athlete of the Year in voting conducted by conference head coaches.

It marks the third time in program history that a Mansfield men's athlete has been named PSAC Track Athlete of the Year. Chris Cummings was the first Mountaineer to receive the honor following the 2007-08 season followed by Justen Johnson in 2011-12.

Robinson was truly exceptional from the first meet of the season through his performance at the NCAA National Championship, shattering school and conference records throughout the year. The senior set Mansfield and PSAC indoor records in the 600m, 1,000m and mile runs along with school records in the 800m and 3,000m races.

With expectations high, Mike delivered, becoming the first male runner to win the 800 and mile run in the same day in conference history. His extraordinary accomplishment earned him PSAC Men's Championship Most Valuable Track Athlete and Championship



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Robinson is the third male athlete from Mansfield to win PSAC Track Athlete of the Year.

Overall Most Valuable Athlete honors.

Robinson earned All-American status with an incredible final kick that came up a step short of winning the national championship in the mile run. His second place time was the best finish by a Mountaineer male athlete at a national championship since Chris Cummings finished second in the mile at the 2008 Indoor Championship.

Three times during the season, Robinson was selected to PSAC and ECAC Track Athlete of the Week honors.

"It was definitely a nice way to end the indoor season. Earning the honor of PSAC Indoor Track Athlete of The Year is something I have had my sights set on since I came here to Mansfield four years ago. It is an incredible honor, and is something I will cherish for a long time. A lot of hard work has gone into this, and to cap the season off with this award, it makes it that much more special to me. This has been an incredible year, and I hope to continue to represent Mansfield in a good way the rest of the year," Robinson said.

## Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
4 -Baseball vs. West Chester University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs. Lock Haven University (DH) 2:30 p.m. -Track and Field @ Colonial Relays	5 -Baseball @ West Chester University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball @ Millersville (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Track and Field @ Colonial Relays and Jim Taylor Invitational	6 -Baseball vs. IUP (DH) 1:00 p.m.	7 -Baseball vs. Kutztown University (DH) 1:00 p.m.	8 -Baseball @ Slippery Rock University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball @ East Stroudsburg University (DH) 2:30 p.m.	9 -Softball @ Goldey-Beacom College (DH) 2:00 p.m.	10 -Baseball @ Lincoln University (DH) 1:00 p.m.
11 -Baseball @ East Stroudsburg University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs. East Stroudsburg University (DH) 2:30	12 -Baseball vs. East Stroudsburg University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs. Shippensburg University (DH) 1:00 p.m.	13	14	15 -Baseball @ Lock Haven University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs. West Chester University (DH) 2:30 p.m.	16	17



# The Flashlight

Shining light on Mansfield University since 1926

## MISO held its annual spring festival

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(L to R) Jackie Vinton, Aditya Sagar, Diarra Sow, Tyler Tyus, Christian Fermin, Jaytella Roberts, Ben Ireland (not pictured) and Yukta Sagar (not pictured) performed a Bollywood dance during the festival.

**By KATIE CRANE**  
*News Editor*

The Mansfield International Students Organization (MISO) hosted its annual spring festival in North Manser Saturday, April 5

"This year, the theme was Global Journeys – a modern view to international relations and connections with the rest of the world," MISO President Daniel Teodoro said. "In a globalized society like today's, people need

to see that the world is rapidly changing and MISO wanted to portray a more contemporary view of cultures."

"I felt like I traveled the world in only a few hours," sophomore Kiara Medley said.

Entertainment was a major focus for MISO. They wanted to display the talents of their members. There were various performances. Freshman Keshonna Bynum sang "Set Fire to the Rain" by Adele. Teodoro performed a song called

"Candles from Amsterdam" that he learned from an exchange student, Fiona Wolzak, last semester.

Latin Explosion, which included Carlos Rodriguez, Angelo Stokes and Corey Rader, performed instrumental versions of popular music.

MISO Member, Xinyue Zhang, sang a popular Chinese song.

MISO member, Pingyi Song, did a Chinese instrumental performance.

Eight members of MISO performed an original Bollywood dance. The Black Student Union's dance team, Soul Sophisticated, also performed a dance.

The MC for the night was Eric Rodriguez. To start the night, MISO showed a video showcasing Rodriguez meeting up with various people in route to attending the festival. He traveled all around campus until he finally made it to North Manser to host the event.

After an introduction by Rodriguez, Aditya Sagar and Yukta Sagar headed a lamp lighting ceremony. A lamp is lit daily before the altar of the Lord in almost every Hindu home. In some houses it is lit at dawn, in some, twice a day – at dawn and dusk – and in others it is maintained continuously.

Knowledge removes ignorance just as light removes darkness. Furthermore, knowledge is a lasting inner wealth by which all outer achievement can be accomplished. Hence, they light the lamp in respect to knowledge as the greatest of all forms of wealth.

A bulb also drives out darkness, but the oil or ghee in the lamp symbolizes vaasanas or negative tendencies and the wick, the ego. When lit by spiritual knowledge, the vaasanas get slowly exhausted as does the ego. The flame of a lamp always burns upwards. Similarly we should acquire such knowledge as to take us towards lofty ideals.

The food was served by Sodexo workers, but prepared by MISO members and volunteers.


"We put together a menu that will satisfy every attendant and expose new flavors to those who love trying international food," Teodoro said.

The menu consisted of various foods. This included Hungarian cream of mushroom soup in bread bowls, curtido salad (El Salvador),



Weekly Weather


Friday



Mostly Cloudy

High:62 Low:35


Saturday



Partly Cloudy

High:65 Low:43


Sunday



Partly Cloudy

High:68 Low:48


Monday



Showers

High:66 Low:37


Tuesday



Showers

High:44 Low:25


Wednesday



Cloudy

High:41 Low:25

Thursday



Mostly Sunny

High:50 Low:34

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# Info-To-Go

## Campus Bulletin Board

- The Catholic Student Association will show the movie *The Passion of the Christ* on Wednesday, April 16 in 317 Alumni Hall Student Center. Come at 5:30 PM for free food. Movie starts at 6 p.m. All are welcome!
- Diane Rosenberger and Nicholas Seidner of Rising Meadow Pottery in Middletown Springs, Vermont are exhibiting their functional ceramic artwork in Loomis Gallery Allen Hall. Hours M-F 10-4; weekends by appointment.
- Attention Seniors: Its not too late to submit your Graduation Dedication.  
Graduation from college is a major milestone. Congratulations on your achievement! Don't forget to thank your families, professors and friends that have helped you reach this point by submitting a Graduation Dedication for the program that will be giving as a keepsake at graduation.  
This is your opportunity to acknowledge your family members who helped you achieve your dream of a college education, share a special memory of a time spent with friends or thank a professor who may have had an impact on your success at MU. Whoever you choose to thank, it will be a memory cherished for a lifetime.  
All contributions thorough this program will be counted toward your

- class legacy gift. It's easy to do. Fill out the Graduation Dedication form and return it with payment to the MU Foundation at 524 North Hall or [abrooks@mansfield.edu](mailto:abrooks@mansfield.edu). All dedications must be received by Friday, April 18, 2014.
- "Paul Revere's Boston" will be on display in the Library of Mansfield High School throughout April from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on school days. The display includes antiques, paintings, reproductions, realia, and photographs.
  - Looking for a Bible Study? Join with other MU students every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in room 312 Alumni Hall Student Center and every Thursday at 11:30 AM in 314 Alumni Hall Student Center. All are welcome.
  - Have questions you want to ask a local Pastor? Have time at lunch? There will be a local Pastor available on Mondays and Wednesdays. Stop by Jazzman's on Mondays from noon-1:30 p.m. or stop by Manser on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Look for the sign Chow With The Chaplains! FMI: Contact Courtney Hull, Campus Ministry, [chull@mansfield.edu](mailto:chull@mansfield.edu)
  - True Life: I'm Declared (Academic Majors Workshop)  
Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. in Alumni 307  
Learn about various majors from well established seniors and upper level students. Ask students that are well established in their major what it took to get where they are now!  
Snacks & light beverages will be provided.  
For more information contact Ashley Wray, Career Center Graduate Assistant, at [careers@mansfield.edu](mailto:careers@mansfield.edu).

# POLICE BEAT

- **Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -**
- 4/4/14-** A student reported that an unknown individual(s) had taken her wallet when she left it unattended on a table in the dining area of Einstein Brothers Bagel Store at around 9:45 p.m. The investigation continues.

- 4/3/14-** Police were dispatched to T-2 Parking Lot for a trash bag thrown over the embankment. It was determined that the trash belonged to Kishon Robinson, 22. Non traffic citation was issued as well as a judicial referral.
- 3/31/14-** Joanna McGee, 19, was judicially referred for being in possession of alcohol on university property.
- 3/30/14-** Individual(s) unknown removed an empty laundry basket from the first floor laundry room of Spruce Hall without permission of the owner. This occurred around 9:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

# World News



## Headlines from across the planet

*Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com*

- 4/8/14-** Alabama school won't let Latino teen enroll, rights group says
  - School's superintendent denies discrimination, says student welcome to enroll
  - Southern Poverty Law Center: Student not allowed to enroll because he was born in Mexico
  - The teen has been in the U.S. since he was 1 and moved to Alabama in January
  - "It's like I have nothing to accomplish. I just feel worthless," teen says
- 4/8/14-** Hagel becomes first foreigner to visit Chinese aircraft carrier
  - Hagel visited the Chinese aircraft carrier Liaoning on Monday

- Trip described as "significant," U.S. asked for visit
- The Liaoning aircraft carrier will be able to carry 30 J-15 fighter planes, Chinese media reports
- 4/8/14-** Spain arrests four accused of attempting to export equipment to Iran
  - Officials say technology could be used to make missile parts or enrich uranium
  - Sanctions prohibit export of certain machinery to Iran
  - Iranian, three Spaniards face charges and possible prison sentences
- 4/8/14-** U.S. to send 2 more missile defense ships to Japan to protect from North Korea
  - Defense Secretary says U.S. will send 2 more missile defense ships
  - Move is part of an effort to bolster protection from N.Korean missile threats
  - Chuck Hagel is on visit to Tokyo, to travel to Beijing





# SGA approves student organization budgets; Gibson passes gavel

By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Student Government Association (SGA) passed a motion to approve the student organization budgets for the 2014-15 academic year put forth by the Committee on Finance (CoF) on Tuesday, April 8.

Student organizations requested a total of \$1,118,606.47 and were approved a total of \$258,722.44. More information on approved budgets can be found under the “Resources” tab of the SGA website.

Student organizations are welcome to request funding again at the beginning of the Fall 2014 semester, according to Treasurer Jason White.

The budgets will now go to Mansfield University President Francis Hendricks to be approved, White said. Hendricks has veto power for the budgets.

SGA President Joshua Gibson passed the gavel to new president Victoria Malatesta.

Malatesta’s first action was to appoint a new executive board. The approved executive board for the 2014-15 academic year is as follows:

Vice President Rebecca Adams, replacing Trevor Clark;

Treasurer Jared Berken, replacing Jason

White;

Parliamentarian Austin Zimmerman, replacing Colton Long;

Director of Public Relations Dan Cwieka, replacing Cole Black;

Secretary Brett Helmus, replacing Michele Siegfried;

And Director of Information and Technology Tara Warriner, replacing Dillon Mulroy.

“It’s been an honor and privilege serving as your president,” Gibson said.

In order to give Malatesta and her executive board some direction for the upcoming year, Gibson had each member of SGA write one thing that they believe SGA did well and one thing that could be improved upon. This is similar to what happened one year ago for the then-new executive board, Gibson said. These comments were given to Malatesta to be used how she best sees fit.

Representative Kimberly Stetson presented awards to Senator and Representative of the year. Senator Alex Farley and MISO Representative Justin Sanna won.

Stetson and Sanna were tied for Representative of the year, according to Long.

The next SGA meeting will be held next Tuesday in 307 Alumni Hall at 7:00 p.m.

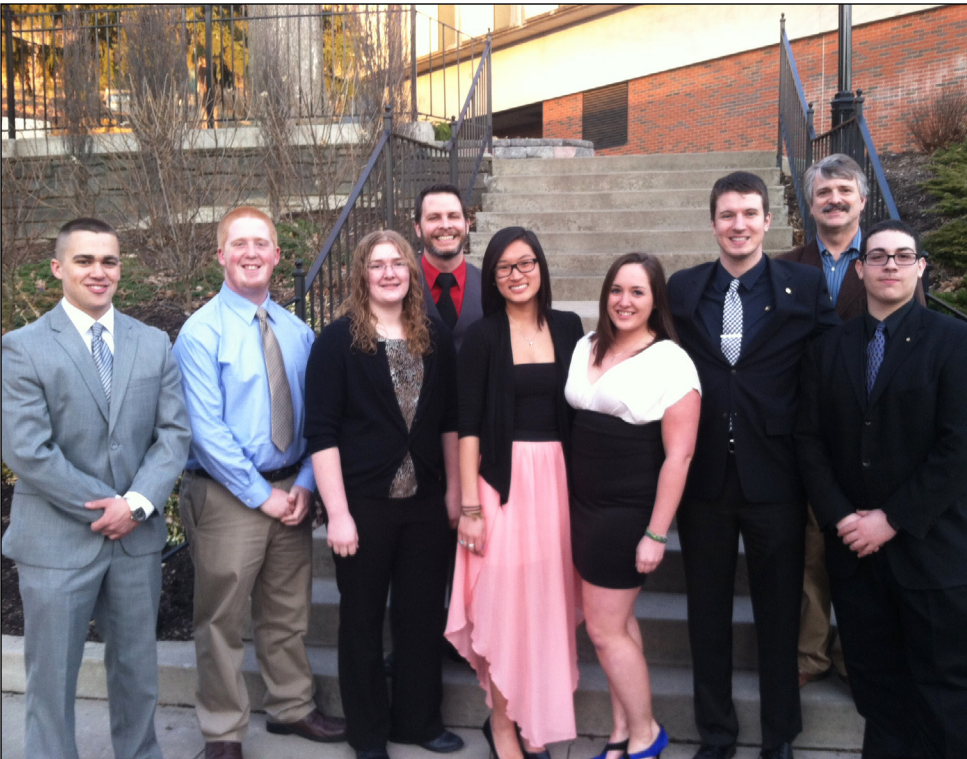


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New SGA executive board from left to right: Treasurer Jared Berken, Secretary Brett Helmus, Director of Information and Technology Tara Warriner, Adviser Christopher Bridges, Vice President Rebecca Adams, President Victoria Malatesta, Director of Public Relations Dan Cwieka, Adviser Todd Ranney, and Parliamentarian Austin Zimmerman. No elections were held this semester due to one candidate for president.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11 All Day Admissions: Student Postcard Campaign  8:00 AM - 3:45 PM Shamokin Area High School Bus Trip	12 All Day Admissions: Student Postcard Campaign  8:30 AM - 12:00 PM 5k Run/2K Walk  10:00 AM - 2:30 PM US History Bee	13 All Day Admissions: Student Postcard Campaign  1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Tom Fish and Kaitlyn Wright, Junior Horn and Voice Recital	14 Registration for Fall Semester Begins  All Day Admissions: Student Postcard Campaign  6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Real estate pre-license courses	15 End Day Admissions: Student Postcard Campaign  Various Times Bible Study	16 Start Day Mansfield Fashion Week  4:00 PM - 7:00 PM FASFA Night  5:30 PM - 8:30 PM The Passion of the Christ	17 Mansfield Fashion Week  6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Real estate pre-license courses  Diane Rosenmiller & Nicholas Seidner Ceramic Exhibition
18 Diane Rosenmiller & Nicholas Seidner Ceramic Exhibition  10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Visit Day with overnight option  7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Cirque Du Couture Fashion Show	19 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Domination's Barbie Fashion Show	20 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Dr. Alissa Rose and Dr. Nancy Boston, Faculty Recital	21 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Real estate pre-license courses  7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hanako Henty, Graduate Piano Recital  8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Nav Night!	22 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM EMPLOYER ON-CAMPUS: Brandon Aumiller & Associates  Various Times Bible Study	23	24 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Real estate pre-license courses  8:00 PM - 10:30 PM NEW POLITICS - LIVE & IN CONCERT  8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Percussion Ensemble



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**Continue through process to choose your Meal Plan**

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# Letters to the Editor

When I first heard about the possibility of traveling to Ireland through MU, I became really excited. Having Irish heritage on my mother's side, I knew this was an opportunity I could not miss out on. The only thing I was really concerned about was the price.

This was not my first time on a tour out of the country, so I knew how expensive it could get. So when I found out SGA was offering a generous amount of financial aid to help those who wanted to go on the trip, I knew I had to take the chance, and boy am I glad I did.

I would consider Ireland one of the most beautiful places I've ever had the opportunity to experience. The Irish are some of the nicest people I've ever met, and the landscape is simply breathtaking. While on tour, we discovered and explored incredible cultural landmarks like Blarney Castle and St. Patrick's Cathedral. From my point of view, these old structures, along with many other aspects of Ireland, have endless stories to tell about where my family came from and where I fit into this world.

Traveling to Ireland with all these inspiring people has been the trip of a lifetime. We've developed bonds with each other and with Ireland's beautiful land and people. The generous help from SGA is what made all of this possible. I know there is no way I could have afforded to go on this trip without the financial aid from SGA. Personally, I believe that we receive some of the best knowledge by pushing our boundaries and stepping out into foreign lands. I hope all students at Mansfield University have the opportunity and desire to travel as far as their feet will carry them.

- Mikayla Chilson

I went on the History Clubs trip to Ireland over Spring Break. It wasn't my first trip with the History Club; over the summer of 2013 I went on the Germany trip which was World War 2 themed. I definitely would not have gone on any of the two trips if the SGA didn't fund them. The Germany trip was less than \$1000, when I heard that I definitely wasn't going to pass up the opportunity of a lifetime. It was my first time out of the country. In Germany we visited the Belgium village of Bastogne where the Battle of the Bulge took place, we visited Hitler's bunker up in the German/Austrian Alps, and we visited every major German City. Out of two trips Ireland was my favorite. We really didn't have a language barrier problem, everyone was extremely friendly, and the country had a lot more beautiful scenery. Before

going on the Ireland trip, you always get the impression that everything is green over there, it turns out that wasn't a joke, the whole landscape was green.

My favorite parts of Ireland was visiting the old monastery in Glendalough which was surrounded a lake or as they call it a lough. The ring of Kerry was really cool which was the Southwestern tip of Ireland and the landscape is hilly with big cliffs that most people picture when they think of the cliffs over in Ireland. One thing that was really awesome was that we were over in Ireland for St. Patrick's Day; we didn't just go to one St. Patrick's Day we went to two in less than 6 hours. The one was Cork and the other parade was in the seaside village of Kinsale. How many people can say they've been over to Ireland on St. Patrick's Day? Overall the trip was phenomenal, one of the best places I've been to in all my life. I wouldn't have been able to experience what it is like being outside of the country let alone going over across the Atlantic if it wasn't for Mansfield University, the History Club, and the funding from the SGA.

- Brady Watkins

Hello My name is Rachel Gulbin and I am a senior social work major here at Mansfield University. This trip to Ireland was a dream come true for me and it was also the first time I have ever left the country. I don't think this trip would have been a possibility for me if it wasn't for the generosity and help from COF. I didn't know what to expect with the days leading up to the trip, all I know was I was getting nervous, but even more excited!

After spending the glorious week in Ireland and seeing all of the country's beauty I can recommend to anyone that if given the chance to go to Ireland, take it. From day one Dr. Holderby as well as Jim Payne, our tour director, were there for us to answer questions, give directions and recommendations, and I truly believe they did a wonderful job. Not only did I experience a whole different part of the world and have memories for a lifetime, I had the time of my life. However, I was not a fan of the blood sausage!

- Rachel Gulbin

This past spring break I was able to go on the trip of my life. With EF tours and our History Club I went to Ireland for nine days. Being part Irish, it has always been one of my dreams to be able to travel to Ireland and to learn more about my heritage. This trip was only made possible because it was heavily

funded by COF. As a low income college student, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to travel to Ireland for such a great price! The funding that was made available helped many other students as well. Everything was included in the price and all we had to worry about were some meals and whatever souvenirs we chose. We had SO MUCH FUN! I had the chance to meet new people and form friendships. The first travel day was a fiasco but we soon got over it once we finally arrived in Dublin, Ireland.

My two favorite parts of Dublin were Trinity College and Saint Patrick's Cathedral. They were both absolutely amazing and words can't even describe the beauty in Ireland. It was so green. I also really liked the Ring of Kerry. We stopped at various shops and also at the shore line. I love the ocean and being able to go in Ireland was perfect. I have always wanted to see a real castle and this trip made that a reality. Blarney Castle was where we kissed the Blarney stone. The view from the top of the castle was spectacular. We could have spent a day alone walking around the grounds. I also experienced my first Irish parade on Saint Patrick's Day in Cork. That was the most crowded event I have ever been to! We were sardined along the sidewalk. We could only see parts of the parade but it was still pretty cool. This trip was all about the experience and I loved every second of it.

My biggest thanks goes out to COF for helping to fund this trip. I was able to have the best week of my life without worrying about finances. I really hope these type of trips continue to be funded because it gives students like me the chance to travel abroad at a fraction of the cost. Many people want to travel once they retire and see the world. Well why wait until retirement? If the opportunity is out there now and financial aid is available to the students, everyone should jump at the chance to travel. It truly is an amazing experience. Again, thank you to COF and everyone else who made this trip a success. Thank you.

- Sheena Trescott

My trip to Ireland was fantastic! Although I have been to Ireland, England, Scotland, and Wales my senior year of high school with EF as a gift from my parents, I thoroughly enjoyed it my second time around as well. This trip would not have been possible for me if I was not given money from SGA. It is hard enough to come up with enough money for tuition, let alone trips abroad, and I am very grateful for the assistance given to me.

This trip especially meant a lot to me because my parents and my sister were able to join me this time around. My parents

have never traveled abroad and it was an absolutely priceless experience to be able to watch them enjoy themselves and explore new places, and just be able to do something they have always wanted to do. Having my whole family there made my travels abroad that much more special.

I am not really a fan of flying for such long distances, but the flights were not that bad. I enjoyed the movies that were provided for everyone to help the time go by faster. The only thing I did not enjoy was the fiasco in the Heathrow Airport when we missed our flight from London to Dublin, consequently missing a whole day of our tour.

There were many great aspects of the trip to Ireland. My favorite part, however, was the Blarney Castle. I have been to the Blarney Castle on my last trip to Ireland, and the experience was just as great, if not better than the first. The views of the grounds were absolutely phenomenal from the top of the castle. Being up there looking down over all of the green lands was breathtaking, and seemed unreal. It was especially exhilarating to be hanging practically upside down while trying to kiss the Blarney Stone. That is an experience I will never forget. The only thing that was different at the Castle from my first trip there, was I was given the time to travel the grounds, and different gardens around the Castle's property. Everything was so beautiful.

Overall, being able to travel abroad is such a blessing. If anyone ever gets the chance to do so, I highly recommend doing it. Being able to experience a whole new culture, and the things that sets them apart from the United States, makes you appreciate the different cultures, and sometimes even makes you appreciate the things you have at home that different countries may not have the luxury of having. For me, traveling to Ireland is an adventure I will never forget, and has given me memories I can carry with me for a lifetime.

- Jade Christman

Ireland has always been the over-glorified land across the ocean in my home. I'm Irish, and I was raised to love my roots and treasure where I came from. I grew up on Irish music, food, and customs so going to the place of my origins was always something that I wanted to do at some point in my life.

I just did not think that the opportunity would present itself so early in life.

My Mom, God bless her heart, is not much of a traveler so her "Home is where the heart is" state of mind is unfortunately also a mental aspect I share. So when I saw an advertisement for the trip, I was reluctant to sign up at first.

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Mounties that went to Ireland in no particular order:

Letter

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I had never been on a plane and the whole idea of being that far away was daunting to me. But I realized that staying close to home all my life is not something that I want to do so I signed up.

Ireland was, to me, home away from home. I actually got teary-eyed at one point because I was in a small town that fit the description of what I have been picturing Ireland to look like all my life. I loved everything about it; the charisma of the people, their accents, their food, their way of life, the buildings, the roads, the countryside, the sheep, did I say food? I'll repeat that one twice. But I must comment to emphasis how green it was. Granted, we went when stuff was just coming back to life, but it truly is a different shade of green over there. We have a blue-green, they have a yellow-green. Therefore nature over there is just a whole different color.

On the whole, I had the trip of a lifetime. I made wonderful memories, had spectacular experiences, and made new friends. I highly recommend anyone reading this to sign up for the next trip offered by this school (Spain and Portugal?) because it is something that you will not regret with any fiber of your being.

- Morgan Anderson

This year, as in numerous other years, we spent Spring Break traveling with the History Club as faculty/staff chaperones. Ireland was

incredible! From herding sheep, to eating blood pudding, reliving the 1916 Uprising, riding on a horse-drawn cart through Killarney National Park, kissing the Blarney Stone, observing the bog bodies, hearing scandalous tales of Molly Malone, singing Irish melodies, and especially celebrating St. Patrick's Day with two parades, Ireland had it all!! Our students were able to be thoroughly immersed in foreign culture, history, and tradition from simply trying to make change using Euros to remembering which direction to look when crossing a busy street. In previous years, we witnessed the Queen of England getting into her car to travel to church at Windsor Castle; saw the glow from the Pope's apartment window in the Vatican; stood on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France; marveled at the sparkle of the Eiffel Tower in the night sky of Paris; seeing the Mona Lisa in the Louvre of Paris; traversed through Hitler's bunker in the Alps; retraced the footsteps of the Von Trapp family from The Sound of Music in Salzburg, Austria; rode a gondola in Venice, Italy; experienced the sights, sounds, and smells of the Medina in Fez, Morocco; and climbed to the summit of the Acropolis in Athens, Greece to see the Parthenon up close and person. Nowhere could our students experience and learn more in a week away from classes. Much thanks to Dr. Shawn Holderby for organizing the trips; Jim Payne, our expert tour director from London; and Mansfield University COF for generously funding considerable student costs!

- Yvonne and Bob Maris

Mansfield University (M.U.) students, professors and alums toured Ireland over the 2014 Spring Break. The M.U. Student Government Association (S.G.A.) and Committee on Finance (C.O.F.) funded the trip for students in the amount of \$1,500.00 per student. The students also paid approximately \$1,500.00 to go on the tour.

This trip is one of many unique and exclusive opportunities offered at M.U. The way the trip is funded is equally unique and exclusive. "This is the only group I know who get financial help," said Education First (E.F.) Tour Guide Jim Payne. The other 13 PASSHE schools, as well as most schools in the United States, simply do not subsidize international travel for their students.

For many of the students who participated in this tour, it was their first time ever leaving the country. They may not have been able to do so if they had not made the choice to attend M.U.

Students who went on the Ireland tour enjoyed a "sampling" of the country. Much of the trip was rapid fire sightseeing. Despite the quick pace, the students who went were given opportunities to slow down and experience cathedrals, monasteries, castles, Irish cuisine, a sheepdog demonstration, the Saint Patrick's Day celebrations and much more.

If you are looking for deep cultural emersion, then this trip may not be for you. If you are looking to get a sampling of an entire country and culture over the course of 10 days or if you are simply looking for a safe and affordable way to experience international travel, perhaps for the first time, then these kinds of opportunities might

be for you.

If you are interested in international travel, be sure to look for signup information for next year's M.U. E.F. Tour to Spain. For more information, contact M.U. History Club advisor Dr. Shawna Holderby at email: sholderb@mansfield.edu.

Each year, the M.U. History Club has worked with E.F. Tours to hold international tours. S.G.A. and C.O.F. have funded the History Club's international tours for the past decade, but continuity has been a problem such that the students have received different funding amounts each year with exception to the past two years where students received \$1,500.00 each year. C.O.F. is currently working with the History Club to formulate specific criteria and procedures so that these trips may become a permanent institution at M.U.

Members of C.O.F. and S.G.A. have indicated that they want to continue to support these kinds of trips in order to be able to offer the opportunity for international travel at a more affordable rate for current students and so that these unique and M.U. exclusive opportunities may be marketed to potential and incoming students.

- Jason White

Over my spring break, I was able to travel with the History Club to Ireland for an Irish Heritage tour. It didn't take luck or magic for me to have a fantastic time there but if it wasn't for the generous funding from our Student Government and the Committee of Finance at Mansfield University, I probably wouldn't have been a part of the group of forty seven going to Ireland.

From the tasty brews, the beauty of the countryside, amazing castles and the night life during the holiday celebrations of St. Patrick's Day, the trip was by far, the most memorable for me. Since I am a senior in the Geography and Geology department, getting out of the country for the first time was big for me.

I never thought that I would be only twenty years old and already travelling out of the United States, but hey, because of the amazing funding that we got from the university, I was able to jump right on the amazing offer and boy am I happy that I did.

I am currently looking into fundraising for the upcoming Spain and Portugal trip and plan on making this my second trip out of the country before I graduate.

- Katelyn Smith

**Editor's Note:** Letters to the Editor pertaining to the Ireland trip submitted but not published due to space limitations were received from Jacob Kelly and Mara Rieppel.

Opinion

“from the editor’s desk”

& Editorial

Out with the old and in with the new

By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

This is my last issue of *The Flashlight* as Editor-in-Chief. I joined staff in the fall semester of 2012. Although that was my second semester at Mansfield University, it was actually the start of my fourth year of college. I transferred from Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island, where I had gone to college for a degree in culinary arts. I didn't have much time to devote to the paper, but I figured anything I could do would benefit both the newspaper and me. As it turns out, I was immediately thrust into an editor's position: co-news editor with Colton Long. I caught on fairly quickly. I specifically remember that I more or less had the functions of InDesign (our layout program) down within my first couple weeks. Further, I remember being able to help others that had been on staff for several semesters with my two weeks' worth of experience. It was a natural fit. Among the skills I've learned and the experiences I've had, I think I am most grateful for the people I have met along the way. Chance Cook was the editor-in-chief during my first semester on staff. He seemed professional enough, but I later learned that any shred of external professionalism was counterfeit. Don't get me wrong, the man is a brilliant writer, but he just doesn't seem to belong in the editor's chair (which he'll happily admit to). Chance currently has a ticket to Brazil for the summer after he graduates and is looking to cover the societal influences of the world

cup. I wish him all the luck in the world. Dave Barr has been on staff since I joined. He's showed a never-ending love of NASCAR, country music, and "The Big Bang Theory." I've watched more episodes of that show than I care to admit, thanks to the television in our office. Dave recently won Keystone Award from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association for work he did for the Berks-Mont website and will be graduating in May. Congratulations, man! Colton Long left soon after I joined staff, but we've become good friends since then. We quickly bonded over a mutual love of *Lord of the Rings*. He left to join the student government, which felt like a better fit for him. Best of luck for your senior year, Mr. Long. I'll try to be around for *There and Back Again*. I'd like to thank Dan Mason for his oversight and guidance during my time here. When I joined staff, our meetings to critique the newspaper were filled with pointing out things about the paper that could be fixed. Lately it seems that finding errors in layout is a chore because there are few and far between, which I'll mark as a win any day. Dean Lee, you've shown nothing but energy since you joined last semester. Keep this energy going; I hope it lasts until your senior year. I'm looking forward to what you *all* can achieve. I've met more students, faculty, and staff then I have time or column inches to name that have inspired me during my time at Mansfield University. I am appreciative for everything. That being said, I'd like to take this opportunity to hand the newspaper over to the new editor-in-chief, Katie Crane. **Go kick some ass, Katie.**

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## Paging Doctor Mountie: Prevent cancer with these tips

By TRACY SOMERVILLE  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Mansfield University held Relay for Life in Kelchner fitness center.

Relay for Life strives to raise money for cancer research and to remember those loved ones who have been fighting or those who have been lost.

Cancer is a devastating disease that has affected almost everybody in one way or another. The good news is that some cancers can be prevented with life style changes, screening, and early detection.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women.

The number one risk factor for lung cancer is smoking. By smoking, not only are you putting yourself at risk, but you are also risking the lives of the people around you by second hand smoke.

This risk can be 100 percent prevented. All you have to do is get help and quit smoking.

Oral cancer is cancer of the mouth or throat. This cancer is twice as common in males as it is in females. Tobacco and alcohol use are the two biggest preventable risk factors for oral cancer.

Not using tobacco or drinking alcohol in excess can prevent most oral cancers. Exposure to the sun's UV rays is also a risk factor for oral cancer.

You should wear sun protection whenever you go outside, especially between the hours of 10:00 to 4:00.

Skin cancer is the most common cancer diagnosis and it is the most preventable cancer.

Most skin cancer is caused by damage from the sun's UV rays. There is a simple answer to preventing skin cancer as well.

Just wear sunscreen or protection when going outside, especially in the summer between 10:00 and 4:00.

Apply protection even on cloudy days. You can still be burned even if you can't see the sun. I know we all like to have nice tan



*Tracy Somerville is a junior nursing major. Upon graduation, she would like to get a job on an Oncology floor in the Baltimore or Reading area. She would also like to go on multiple medical mission trips to Africa in which she can use her nursing training to show them the love of God.*

skin, but do not use tanning beds or sun lamps.

All of these put you at greater risk for developing skin cancer.

These cancers can be prevented with these simple life style changes, but this does not 100 percent guarantee that you will not develop cancer.

If you have any suspicions or concerns you should contact your physician immediately.

Talk with your family and identify what you may be at risk for and what runs in your family. Around the age of 20 screening for cancers such as breast, cervical, and testicular begins.

Screening is important for early detection and prevention. Stay educated on the risks, make life style changes, and attend all your scheduled screenings.

Fight to prevent cancer before you have to fight for your life to beat cancer.

## Book Review: *The Hard Way* by Lee Child

By DAN MASON  
*Flashlight Advisor*

In the spirit of the Lone Ranger, Shane and Clint Eastwood, Jack Reacher is no one. Like Chicken Man, "He's everywhere! He's everywhere!"

A woman has been kidnapped. Her husband runs the international equivalent of "Kelly Girls," but instead of office temps, he places mercenaries. Instead of being graduates of Anonymous Business College, they are ex-special forces with blood on their hands and experience obeying orders.

When Jack Reacher varies his routine by drinking a cup of coffee from the same coffee shop two nights in a row, he encounters the hired guns, all in a tizzy about the kidnapping. They are soldiers, not investigators. Fortunately, Jack Reacher is an investigator. He was the military police equivalent of a special forces officer. He retired as a major after 14 years in CID.

In a case in which nothing is as it seems and no one is who he or she seems, Reacher promises to solve the kidnapping and rescue the lady in distress. Unfortunately, the husband is not to be trusted, the suspect is missing his hands and feet, and the lady's distress is coming from an un-suspected quarter.

Reacher, with his steady hand, his quiet voice, his iron determination, the clock in his head that's never wrong—even when he changes time zones, and his really sexy shoes, is up to the job of winnowing the chaff, filling in the blanks and finding the titanium core at the end of the rainbow.

Oh, yes, there are a couple other women in the story. They help Reacher and fall in love with him, but he can't be bought with help or beauty. He doesn't hurt them, but his passage leaves them feeling empty for all time.

When my brain begins to hurt from reading science, math, history or politics, I like to take a break for a couple hours with some junk reading. I spit and look for the manly equivalent of chick-lit. That's Lee Child's Jack Reacher.

This was a fun book to read. Aside from the improbable way Reacher got involved in the story, everything about it was wonderful. The writing was good. The bad guys, at every stage, were worthy of being hunted by Reacher. The lady in distress was worthy of

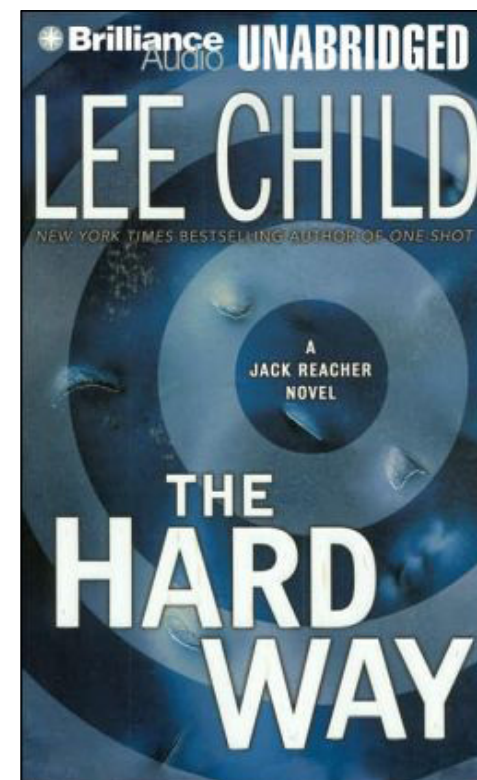


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Each of Child's novels follows the adventures of a former American military policeman, Jack Reacher, who wanders the United States.

being rescued and in need of such as Jack Reacher. The intangible reward for the rescue was worthy of the effort. Part of the financial reward for the effort was given away to the less fortunate. The bulk of the money was left in hiding where it is unlikely anyone will find it for years.

Jack Reacher is today's answer to the Lone Ranger. He has no friends. He has no address. He has no paper trail, no phone number, no luggage. He travels with the clothes on his back and his sexy shoes. When his clothes get dirty, he buys new ones or stays dirty.

There are a few paladins left in society. Don't try to find them. You can't. When you get in trouble, when things look their darkest, when despair crosses to your side of the street, one of them will find you and turn your life around. You'll be taller, skinnier, richer and happier for having met one.

Until then, keep you chin up and keep plugging.

Have a suggestion for next issue's student organization of the week? Contact Dean Lee at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu).

# Student organization of the week: GLO

By DEAN LEE  
Features Editor

The Gay Lesbian Outreach Club (GLO) supports gay/lesbian students to come out, and announce that they are gay.

GLO is a welcoming organization open to anyone, gay or not. They strive to create a welcoming environment to make great friends.

The organization at the moment is trying to change its name to Spectrum, because GLO is outdated and “not inclusive enough,” according to Chelsea Simmers.

Spectrum or GLO hosts many events on campus, anything from pride week, to the drag show, to the bullying workshop.

All of the events are open to any student within the university community.

This year the drag show will be on April

11, 2014. Anyone is invited to come join the show, and even to perform.

There will be four drag queens there this year, Tequila Daniels, Chynna Buffet, Alora (who is Mansfield Alumni), and Carmen.

These four will be dancing around and asking for audience participation, they also like to use a lot of whipped cream.

The organization also hosts a coming out day. During the events students would tell about their own personal coming out stories. In addition to coming out day, the club hosts pride week.

During pride week, the organization tries to encourage LGBT members of the community to come out. The week includes giveaways and prizes.

Andrea Gibson will come to the Hut on April 22 as a guest speaker, and will be there from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

The event will be free to students, and for community members there will be a ten-dollar charge.

The club goes to Outfest in Center City Philadelphia. In this event there are many vendors and people that have similar beliefs to those who go.

Outfest also lands on National Coming Out Day, October 13.

The organization has 15 to 20 members, and the executive board consists of: President Margaret Israel, Vice President Mary Planco, Treasurer Jay Bibrnat, and Secretary Nicole Horton.

“GLO is where I went as a freshman and met all of my friends,” Israel said.

The weekly meetings are on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall Student Center, room 312.

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## Horoscopes

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<p><b>ARIES</b> <b>March 21 - April 19</b> It's all about your love life today — no matter how fast or slow it's felt lately. Things start to pick up between you and your sweetie — or, if you're single, you are sure to catch someone's eye!</p>	<p><b>CANCER</b> <b>June 22 - July 22</b> You are feeling quite extravagant today — so make sure that you're dealing with your people generously! It may be that you accidentally give someone just what they need for bonus karma.</p>	<p><b>LIBRA</b> <b>September 23 - October 22</b> Your friends need you more than ever today — though nothing should be too much for you to handle. Make sure that you're asking them what they need and taking care to mind the details.</p>	<p><b>CAPRICORN</b> <b>December 22 - January 19</b> Things are harder than you want them to be today, so make sure that you've got what you need to hunker down and get stuff done rather than having to seek out resources on the fly.</p>
<p><b>TAURUS</b> <b>April 20 - May 20</b> Someone is stepping up and trying to take what's yours — but you can fight back with ease. In fact, you may be able to get others to do the dirty work for you if you play your cards right.</p>	<p><b>LEO</b> <b>July 23 - August 22</b> Everything is lined up perfectly for you today — expect a big achievement of some kind! If you feel uninspired, just poke your head out the door and you should see something to work toward.</p>	<p><b>SCORPIO</b> <b>October 23 - November 21</b> You need a greater challenge today — so step up your game and see what you can find. Boredom is poison to you, and if your brain isn't actively engaged, you're sure to feel sick to your stomach.</p>	<p><b>AQUARIUS</b> <b>January 20 - February 18</b> It's essential that you find a way to reach a compromise with a friend or coworker who is more than typically adversarial. Take a step back, look at the big picture, and pick the right path.</p>
<p><b>GEMINI</b> <b>May 21 - June 21</b> Your big brain is a wonder to behold today — so show off a little! Your ideas are deeper than they usually are, and you should find that you've got a few new fans before the day is through.</p>	<p><b>VIRGO</b> <b>August 23 - September 22</b> It's vital that you remain flexible today — otherwise, things are sure to get weird quickly. Your energy is best spent on projects that don't require too much collaboration, but a little is fine.</p>	<p><b>SAGITTARIUS</b> <b>November 22 - December 21</b> You may find yourself wishing to be far away — though your energy is terrific! Travel is in your blood, and now is a great time to make plans or to discover new ideas for future destinations.</p>	<p><b>PISCES</b> <b>February 19 - March 20</b> Your health is making life weird today — though there may not be anything you can put your finger on. Try to get a check-up or, better, take a positive step toward better living.</p>





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Freshman Marshal Kiessling hit his first two career home runs in the 7-3 win over West Chester University in the second game of a double header at home on April 6.

## Baseball splits six games with Kutztown and West Chester

By **TOM PASSMORE**  
*Sports Writer*

The Mansfield baseball team split six games over the weekend after playing Kutztown University on April 2nd and two double headers on Saturday and Sunday against West Chester University.

In the first game against Kutztown, Mansfield fell behind by four runs in the first inning of the game on a flurry of singles and walks by Kutztown against Mansfield starter Johnathon Earnest. Mansfield would rally back in the later innings on a two-RBI single by Westyn Baylor and an RBI single by Taylor Hilson, but the Mansfield rally would fall short as they lost the first game 7-6.

In the second game against Kutztown, the Mountaineers would get a gem by Quinton Taylor, who threw seven innings of one run ball while striking out six and only walking three batters. Johnny LeClair would pace the Mountaineer offense going 3-3 with four RBIs as Mansfield took the second game 6-1.

Mansfield would then face West Chester University. Against the Golden Rams, Mansfield couldn't get its offense going against opposing pitcher Matt McAllister, who threw seven scoreless innings. Brandon Garrett threw well for the Mountaineers, lasting 5 1/3 innings while only giving up three earned runs and striking out three. In the second game against West Chester, the Mountaineers wouldn't find their offense until the fifth inning after falling down 3-0 after the first two innings.

Mansfield's offense exploded for four

runs in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth inning to give the Mountaineers the lead. West Chester was able to push one across in the bottom of the sixth inning, but that's all they'd get as Jeremy Mapsfield came in for the final three innings of the game and held West Chester off as Mansfield won the game 6-5.

Mansfield would then come home to face West Chester for another double header. Mansfield would face an early deficit in the first inning and then West Chester would add another run in the sixth to make the score 2-0. In the bottom of the sixth, Mansfield would score on a fielder's choice, a single and a wild pitch to take the lead going in to the seventh inning.

West Chester however would score four runs in the inning and lead 6-3 going in to the seventh, a lead that West Chester would not surrender as the Mounties lost the game 6-3.

In the second game, senior Quinton Taylor led the way for the Mountaineers, turning in a quality start of 6 innings and only three runs. Mansfield would take the lead into the sixth inning 4-1, but a couple of runs by West Chester would only cut Mansfield's lead to 4-3 going in to the bottom of the 6th. Marshal Kiessling would seal the deal however, when he hit a home run to right field to give the Mounties a 7-3 lead, a lead that they wouldn't give up as they won 7-3 and improved to 15-10 on the season.

Tuesday's PSAC East baseball doubleheader at Kelly Field against Slippery Rock University in downtown Mansfield has been pushed back to Wednesday, April 9 at 1 p.m. due to constant rain affecting the Northeast.



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Jenna Hoefer was five inches short of setting a new school record in the hammer throw.

## Track and Field teams impress in Pennsylvania and Virginia events

Mansfield track and field competed at William & Mary's Colonial Relays and Susquehanna's Crusader Outdoor Classic on Saturday.

Jenna Hoefer qualified for the PSAC Outdoor Championships and finished second overall in the hammer throw with a personal best throw of 136-01 at the Crusader Classic. Hoefer was just five inches away from breaking Alicia Edkin's school record throw of 136-05 set last season.

Chris Carlsen won the triple jump with a distance of 40-06.

Bob McCoy finished fifth in the 400m dash with a time of 52.62.

Jordan Booth took fourth at 2:02.92 and Dillon Griffith was fifth at 2:04.82 in the 800m dash.

At the Colonial Relays, the women's 1,600m medley team of Melanie Hartley, Megan Becker, Allison Macon and Michaela Lambert finished ninth overall and set a school record with a time of 4:14.53. The Mountaineers turned in the second fastest time among Division II teams.

## Senior softball pitcher Crandell named PSAC pitcher of the week

Mansfield University standout Emily Crandell (Mifflinburg/Mifflinburg) has been named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East Division Pitcher of the Week for her outstanding performance in the week ending 4/6/14.

A senior, Crandell had the best week of her collegiate career posting complete-game wins over Kutztown and Millersville while posting a 0.00 ERA in 15.0 innings worked.

Crandell threw a career-most 8.0 innings in a 3-1 extra-innings complete-game win over Kutztown early in the week allowing just

six hits and striking out six.

Three days later, the righty tossed her first collegiate shutout with a complete-game 4-0 victory over Millersville. Crandell scattered seven hits in the win and struck out four. For the week, Crandell was 2-0, allowing no earned runs in 15.0 innings pitched while striking out 10 batters.

For the season Crandell sports a 5-3 record and ranks 4th in the PSAC with a 1.59 ERA. In 44.0 innings worked she has struck out 30 batters while hold opponents to a .212 average



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## Softball goes 3-1 in last four games; matchup with ESU postponed

By DAVID BARR  
*Sports Editor*

The Mansfield softball team swept Kutztown and split a doubleheader with Millersville.

The matchup with the Golden Bears was in Kutztown as the Mounties' home field continues to dry out from the wet weather that has plagued the northeast.

In the first game, Mansfield held an early 3-0 lead after the first inning. Stephanie Simmeth doubled to start the game and advanced to third on a single by Courtney Bauder. Kate Pratt was then walked to load the bases with no one out. A wild pitch scored Simmeth for a 1-0 Mansfield lead and Megan Miller's single brought Bauder and Pratt home for a 3-0 Mansfield lead.

Kutztown fought back, scoring a run in the bottom of the first on a Colleen Smith RBI single. Mansfield extended its lead in the top of the second thanks to Bauder and Pratt. Bauder singled and Pratt hit her 36th career home run for a 5-1 Mansfield lead.

The final run of the game for Kutztown came via Smith again, this time on a solo shot to make it 5-2 after six innings. Pratt allowed the leadoff Kutztown hitter to reach first base,

then recorded three straight groundouts to end the game and get her fourth win of the year.

Game 2 was a pitcher's duel that went into extra innings. Kutztown got on the board first in the fifth inning thanks to two Mansfield errors. The first error allowed the Kutztown runner to reach second base. Two batters later, another Mansfield error brought home the pinch runner from second and again allowed the Kutztown batter to stretch a single into a double. The threat ended after that, and Mansfield scored its first run of the game one inning later.

Hannah Secord singled and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kayla Allen. Secord tied the game for Mansfield on a Bauder RBI single. The game went into extra innings after neither team scored in the seventh inning.

Mansfield got two runs in the top of the eighth inning. Bauder's double brought home Simmeth and Bauder later scored on an interference call on Kutztown's shortstop.

Kutztown threatened in the bottom of the eighth with runners on first and second with one out, but Mansfield was able to get out of the jam and earn the sweep.

Mansfield then travelled to Millersville

and earned a split with the Lady Mauraunders.

Mansfield was shut out in the first game, but did the shutting out in the second game.

The Mounties had to wait until the final inning to score their four runs of the game. Hannah Secord singled and advanced to second on a passed ball. Secord scored on a Simmeth single for a 1-0 lead. Bauder singled and moved Simmeth to second. A fielder's choice by Kate Pratt loaded the bases. Simmeth came home and made it 2-0 thanks to Amanda Goodwin.

Kayla Hahn then doubled to make it 4-0 in favor of Mansfield and Millersville never threatened in the bottom of the seventh to give the Mounties a split with Millersville.

Mansfield was scheduled to play East Stroudsburg University at ESU on Tuesday the 8th, but due to inclement weather, the game was postponed. Mansfield announced that they would finally be able to play a game at home on Wednesday the 9th against the Lady Bald Eagles of Lock Haven University. Due to deadlines, we are unable to report the details of that game at this time.

With the 3-1 record last week, Mansfield is now 12-6 overall on the year with a 4-4 record in the PSAC Eastern Division.



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Kayla Hahn put the second game against Millersville out of reach for the Mounties.

## Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

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18 -Baseball @ Millersville University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs. Kutztown University (DH) 2:30 p.m.	19 -Baseball vs. Millersville University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs. Bloomsburg University (DH) 1:00 p.m.	20	21	22 -Baseball @ Clarion University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball @ Wilmington University (DH) 2:00 p.m. -Softball @ Bloomsburg (DH) 2:30 p.m.	23 -Baseball vs. Lock Haven University (DH) 1:00 p.m.	24 -Track and Field @ Penn's Relays



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## Mansfield University bookstore unveiled its new name

By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Student Trevor Clark hosted the unveiling ceremony for the new name of the campus bookstore on Wednesday, April 16.

The Mansfield University students chose the bookstore's new name, "Mountie Den," through an online Twitter contest. The contest started on March 25.

"It's important to have a name that resonates with the student body," Clark said. "We thought that the best way to do that would be to let the students choose the name themselves."

The choices available for voting were: Mountie Den, Mountain Lodge, Mountain Pad, Mountie Marketplace, MU Overlook, Mountie One-Stop, Mountie Mart, Mountain Lair, and MU Store & More.

"Today was the first step among many to come for the Mountie



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(L to R) President Hendrix, Trevor Clark, Onyema Utti, Sally Reigle, Quinn Taylor, Kate Younkin and Connie Brant introduce the "Mountie Den."

## Independent candidate for Congress visited Mansfield University

By **CHANCE COOK**  
*Special to The Flashlight*

Nick Troiano, a 24 year old Independent candidate for Congress in Pennsylvania's 10th District, spent April 4 at Mansfield University talking with students and community members.

Troiano presented educational pieces to two of Professor Jonathan Rothermel's classes about the current state of American Government, the role of money in elections and the process of running an Independent campaign.

During Troiano's presentation, he highlighted the importance of young people in American politics, which is part of the reason Rothermel wanted students to hear his message.

"The students were excited

[about having Troiano on campus]," Rothermel said. "I think it's because he's a young guy speaking about issues they care about. Having a young individual interest in politics makes them say wow, there's someone who's passionate and can make a difference."

Mansfield University's Political Science Club hosted a meet and greet event with Troiano in Alumni Hall, where Troiano fielded questions and encouraged students to be vocal about the issues they are concerned with.

"I felt the Mansfield community was very welcoming, inquisitive and supporting," Troiano said. "I really appreciated the chance to make this one of our first visits as a candidate."

Troiano, who is only accepting




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Nick Troiano grew up in Pike County, Pennsylvania.

Weekly Weather


Friday



Mostly Cloudy

High:62 Low:35


Saturday



Partly Cloudy

High:65 Low:43


Sunday



Partly Cloudy

High:68 Low:48


Monday



Showers

High:66 Low:37


Tuesday



Showers

High:44 Low:25


Wednesday



Cloudy

High:41 Low:25

Thursday



Mostly Sunny

High:50 Low:34

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- The Catholic Student Association will show the movie *The Passion of the Christ* on Wednesday, April 16 in 317 Alumni Hall Student Center.  
Come at 5:30 PM for free food. Movie starts at 6 p.m.  
All are welcome!

- Diane Rosenberger and Nicholas Seidner of Rising Meadow Pottery in Middletown Springs, Vermont are exhibiting their functional ceramic artwork in Loomis Gallery Allen Hall. Hours M-F 10-4; weekends by appointment.

- Attention Seniors: Its not too late to submit your Graduation Dedication.  
Graduation from college is a major milestone. Congratulations on your achievement! Don't forget to thank your families, professors and friends that have helped you reach this point by submitting a Graduation Dedication for the program that will be giving as a keepsake at graduation.  
This is your opportunity to acknowledge your family members who helped you achieve your dream of a college education, share a special memory of a time spent with friends or thank a professor who may have had an impact on your success at MU. Whoever you choose to thank, it will be a memory cherished for a lifetime.  
All contributions thorough this program will be counted toward your class legacy gift. It's easy to do. Fill out the Graduation Dedication form and return it with payment to the MU Foundation at 524 North Hall or [abrooks@mansfield.edu](mailto:abrooks@mansfield.edu). All dedications must be received by Friday, April 18, 2014.

- "Paul Revere's Boston" will be on display in the Library of Mansfield High School throughout April from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on school days. The display includes antiques, paintings, reproductions, realia, and photographs.

- Looking for a Bible Study? Join with other MU students every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in room 312 Alumni Hall Student Center and every Thursday at 11:30 AM in 314 Alumni Hall Student Center. All are welcome.

- Have questions you want to ask a local Pastor? Have time at lunch? There will be a local Pastor available on Mondays and Wednesdays. Stop by Jazzman's on Mondays from noon-1:30 p.m. or stop by Manser on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Look for the sign Chow With The Chaplains! FMI: Contact Courtney Hull, Campus Ministry, [chull@mansfield.edu](mailto:chull@mansfield.edu)

- True Life: I'm Declared (Academic Majors Workshop)  
Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. in Alumni 307  
Learn about various majors from well established seniors and upper level students. Ask students that are well established in their major what it took to get where they are now!  
Snacks & light beverages will be provided.  
For more information contact Ashley Wray, Career Center Graduate Assistant, at [careers@mansfield.edu](mailto:careers@mansfield.edu).

POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -


-4/4/14- A student reported that an unknown individual(s) had taken her wallet when she left it unattended on a table in the dining area of Einstein Brothers Bagel Store at around 9:45 p.m. The investigation continues.

-4/3/14- Police were dispatched to T-2 Parking Lot for a trash bag thrown over the embankment. It was determined that the trash belonged to Kishon Robinson, 22. Non traffic citation was issued as well as a judicial referral.

-3/31/14- Joanna McGee, 19, was judicially referred for being in possession of alcohol on university property.

3/30/14- Individual(s) unknown removed an empty laundry basket from the first floor laundry room of Spruce Hall without permission of the owner. This occurred around 9:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

World News



Headlines from across the planet  
*Blurbs courtesy of cnn.com*

-4/8/14- Alabama school won't let Latino teen enroll, rights group says  
- School's superintendent denies discrimination, says student welcome to enroll  
- Southern Poverty Law Center: Student not allowed to enroll because he was born in Mexico  
- The teen has been in the U.S. since he was 1 and moved to Alabama in January  
- "It's like I have nothing to accomplish. I just feel worthless," teen says

-4/8/14- U.S. to send 2 more missile defense ships to Japan to protect from North Korea  
- Defense Secretary says U.S. will send 2 more missile defense ships  
- Move is part of an effort to bolster protection from N.Korean missile threats  
- Chuck Hagel is on visit to Tokyo, to travel to Beijing

-4/8/14- Spain arrests four accused of attempting to export equipment to Iran  
- Officials say technology could be used to make missile parts or enrich uranium  
- Sanctions prohibit export of certain machinery to Iran  
- Iranian, three Spaniards face charges and possible prison sentences

- Trip described as "significant," U.S. asked for visit  
- The Liaoning aircraft carrier will be able to carry 30 J-15 fighter planes, Chinese media reports





# Criminal Justice Administration Department will host speaker next Tuesday

By **KATIE CRANE**  
*News Editor*

The Criminal Justice Administration (CJA) Department will host a presentation by Warden Jeff Thomas Tuesday April 29 at 11:30 a.m. in Allen 104.

Jeffrey Thomas will be the speaker. Thomas is a Mansfield University alumnus. He graduated in 1984 with a degree in criminal justice. Thomas is now the warden of Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, which is a high-security United States federal prison for male inmates. The Federal Bureau of Prisons, a division of the United States Department of Justice, operates it.

According to assistant professor, Dr. Justin Crawl, this is one of the major events hosted by the department this year. In the past, the CJA department has planned a number of events for the university pertinent to criminal justice when time and resources permitted.

“We’ve had U.S. marshals and local, state and federal officers come to campus,” Crawl said. “Students have said that the information was beneficial to them and their soon-to-be

careers in the field.”

Thomas will speak about federal corrections and careers with the bureau of prisons. He was chosen because of his expertise and involvement in the criminal justice field. Thomas chose the topic of his presentation.

“The department gave him some leeway,” Crawl said. “[Thomas] picked a topic that was important to him as a practitioner in federal corrections.”

Dr. Justin Crawl joined the Mansfield University CJA department last semester. He is originally from northeast Ohio and has been involved with higher education for over ten years. Crawl graduated from Walsh University in Canton, Ohio in 2005 with a degree in political science and sociology with an emphasis in criminal justice. He received his master’s degree in criminal justice from Youngstown State University in 2009. He received his PhD in criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2013.

Dr. Crawl also has applied experience beyond the field of academia. In 2010, he collected and subsequently compiled county-wide data on probation revocations that occurred over a five year period in Indiana

County, Pennsylvania. This data was presented to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing for publication on statewide sentencing practices. In 2005, Dr. Crawl interned at the Stark County Community Legal Aid where he assisted office staff in providing free legal assistance to low income families and senior citizens.

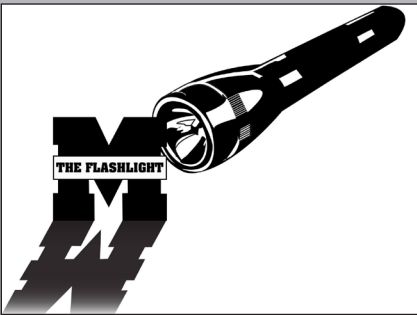
Classes he’s taught include introduction to criminal justice; law, social control & society; crime and delinquency prevention; contemporary issues in criminology; survey of corrections and judicial criminal process.

In February 2013, members from Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE), the criminal justice organization visited Lewisburg Federal Prison. The students were welcomed with a question and answer session by Warden Thomas as well as Unit Manager and Mansfield University alumnus, John Adami. A tour of the facility followed.

This event is free to all.

There are about 220 CJA undergraduate students at Mansfield University.

“It would be nice to have at least a quarter of those students attend, but the more the better,” Crawl said.



*The Flashlight* is looking for staff writers for next semester. Contact next year’s Editor-in-Chief Katie Crane at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu) if you’re interested in getting paid to write articles relating to news, features, or sports.

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## Bookstore

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Den,” Interim Executive Director of Mountie Den Connie Brant said. “We’re looking forward to continuing to serve the students at Mansfield to the best of our ability.”

The new name and logo for the bookstore is the first step in a longer process of “revamping” the store, Clark said.

The bookstore needed revamped due, in part, to students going elsewhere for their needs. For example, students turn to online retailers or illegal methods for obtaining textbooks.

The renaming of the campus bookstore was done as a project for Public Relations Workshop, a 4000 level communication course taught by associate professor Holly Pieper, according to Sally Reigle.

According to Webadvisor, Public Relations Workshop is “an advanced study focused on the planning and execution of a public relations campaign. Working in teams,

students research, develop, execute, and evaluate a public relations campaign for a local nonprofit organization. Students engage in a planning process to develop public relations objectives, strategies, and tactics designed to meet the client needs. Implementation of a special event is required.”

The group for this event comprised of Clark, Reigle, Kate Younkin, Quin Taylor, and Onyema Utti.

About 45% of the Twitter followers of the bookstore voted, and 50+ Mounties were in attendance at the ceremony.

A “flash mob fashion show” took place on Wednesday, April 9, in Jazzman’s Café to increase awareness of the name unveiling ceremony. Participants of the flash mob wore Mountie apparel from the bookstore.

Free food and beverages were provided. T-shirts were given out in exchange for completed surveys about the event.

Mountie Den is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. All proceeds from Mountie Den support the students through scholarship funds.

the gap was more important than party representation. “Right now there are basically two sports teams competing,” he said of the partisan politics in Washington.

At only 24 years old, and 25 by the time of the election, Troiano would be the youngest serving Congressman in the House of Representatives. He spoke about there being a problem of the discrimination of young people in Washington, with our current House having the highest average age ever. He suggests that younger Americans deserve representation in Washington, as many of the biggest issues facing our country, like the deficit, will have to be handled by his generation, as our current leaders haven’t made much ground in combating these issues. “They don’t call it the do nothing congress for nothing,” he said.

Troiano is from Pike County, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Georgetown University with a Master’s degree in American Politics. He will be looking to defeat Republican incumbent Tom Marino in the 2014 election.

## Mansfield University hosted “The Big Event” last weekend



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY DAY

Over 300 students from various organizations attended this year’s “Big Event.” This photo was taken before splitting to work on different project in the community.

Mansfield University students, along with staff and faculty, attended “The Big Event,” a day-long community service project Saturday, April 12.

More than 300 students signed up to help clean parks, churches and along highways in the Mansfield area.

The volunteers also completed other projects in the Mansfield and Wellsboro area, such as scrapping, painting and performing other maintenance to get the fields ready for Mansfield Little League’s upcoming season, performing several projects at the Mansfield YMCA and helping out at the Mansfield Food Pantry.

“Our goal is to complete one thousand hours of community service, just today, and I think we’ll definitely do that with the numbers that we have,” Frank Crofchick MU Community Conduct officer and Service coordinator,” said.

Crofchick, who coordinated the event and has been in his position at Mansfield less than a year, is very impressed with the community service mind-set of Mansfield University students.

“At Mansfield we care about community service,” he said. “I think this breed of students coming up really cares and they want to have that relationship, building that bridge between the community and the University.”

In addition to the students, Crofchick credits his co-workers and student-workers in the Student Life Department, the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Community Service Club for making “The Big Event” a success.

“The Big Event” had been an annual event at Mansfield University, but was disrupted the past few years due to weather. Plans call for it to return to its status as an annual spring event.

## Candidate

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contributions from individual donors instead of from special interest groups, spoke to the idea of “outsmarting, not out spending” his competition. He highlighted three key areas that are important in combating the much larger campaign contributions of his competitors: Earned media, which includes a recent appearance on Fox News, social media, where his campaign kick-off video has garnered three thousand views, and grassroots campaigns, which allows individuals who contribute support to feel more connected to the campaign.

Running as an Independent candidate is another unique aspect of his campaign. Pennsylvania’s 10th District is considered a non-competitive district, as it is overwhelmingly Republican. After Republicans and Democrats refused to work together to avoid the government shutdown last fall, Troiano decided that bridging

## Ceramic art is displayed at Loomis Art Gallery in Allen

By **LINDSEY McDONALD**  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Dianne Rosenmiller and Nicholas Seidner, of Rising Meadow Pottery, have their ceramics on display at the Loomis Art Gallery in Allen Hall.

Their works feature an array of glazed hand-thrown pottery. The works vary in sizes and an assortment of shapes from plates, to teapots, containers and vases.

Rosenmiller’s pottery is made with porcelain clay, which makes it possible to stamp and draw sharp, clean, designs into the pottery before it is fired and glazed.

Seidner’s pottery is made using clay, but his glazes are made from a locally cultivated

slate slurry. The watery silt is collected from slate quarries and dried, then used on the pottery as a glaze that (when fired at high temperatures) can create an indigenous khaki color or the colors and variations of traditional aged red barns. Seidner leaves parts of the pottery glazed and unglazed. This allows the glaze and the clay to react differently, creating somewhat unpredictable patterns, according to the Rising Meadow Pottery website.

Rosenmiller and Seidner own and operate Rising Meadow Pottery, in Middletown Springs, VT. This business includes their own teaching facility and gallery.

The works will be on display until April 18.

### Voice your opinion!

Letters to the Editor are accepted and encouraged!

Letters can pertain to campus, local, national or global issues...whatever is on your mind!

Send letters and questions to [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu)



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(L to R): Amber Frederick, Lovefelia Grandoe, Tracy Somerville, Tess Nidetch and Constance Wildonger, participated in the Step It Up program in Arnot-Ogden.

## Paging Doctor Mountie: Nursing students volunteer to help the community

By **TRACY SOMERVILLE**  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Five junior nursing students and three nursing professors from Mansfield University went to help out with Arnot Ogden's Step It Up program Tuesday April 8th.

This free program is a six-week long walking event for anybody who wants to participate.

The goal of the program is to improve health in the Elmira area by promoting healthy living and nutrition. Step It Up takes place from April 8 to May 20 and starts with a free screening for anybody participating.

The nursing students who attended the free screening were able to assist in weighing, measuring height, calculating BMI, and taking blood pressure.

Some students also assisted at the information table that showed, in test tubes, how much sodium and saturated fat some common foods contain.

This table allowed the participants to visually see what types of things they are putting into their bodies. Most of the participants were shocked that only two pieces of pizza contains almost your entire recommended daily intake of sodium.

Even more disturbing was the test tube that showed how much saturated fat was in a cheeseburger. The tube was filled all the way

to the top. Can you imagine what that would look like inside of your arteries? Talk about a wakeup call!

After most of the participants had made their way through the screening, they gathered everybody together for a short kick off speech.

A nurse from Arnot Ogden hospital gave the group tips on walking shoes, activity, and the program itself. She stressed the importance of trying to fit more activity into your daily life.

You may be able to increase your activity without having to take the time out of your busy schedule to go to the gym. If you go grocery shopping, carry one bag at a time into your house.

In addition, when doing laundry, only put one item of clothing away at a time. It may take you longer to complete these tasks, but you will be increasing your activity during your daily life.

The Step It Up program has now officially begun. There will be a mid-program group walk leaving from Quatrano Park Tuesday April 29.

The program will end Tuesday May 20 with another free health screening to monitor the progress the participants have made.

Elmira as a community is trying to make a difference in improving health. Thank you to all the Mansfield University nursing students and professors who attended for helping with the Step It Up program kick off.

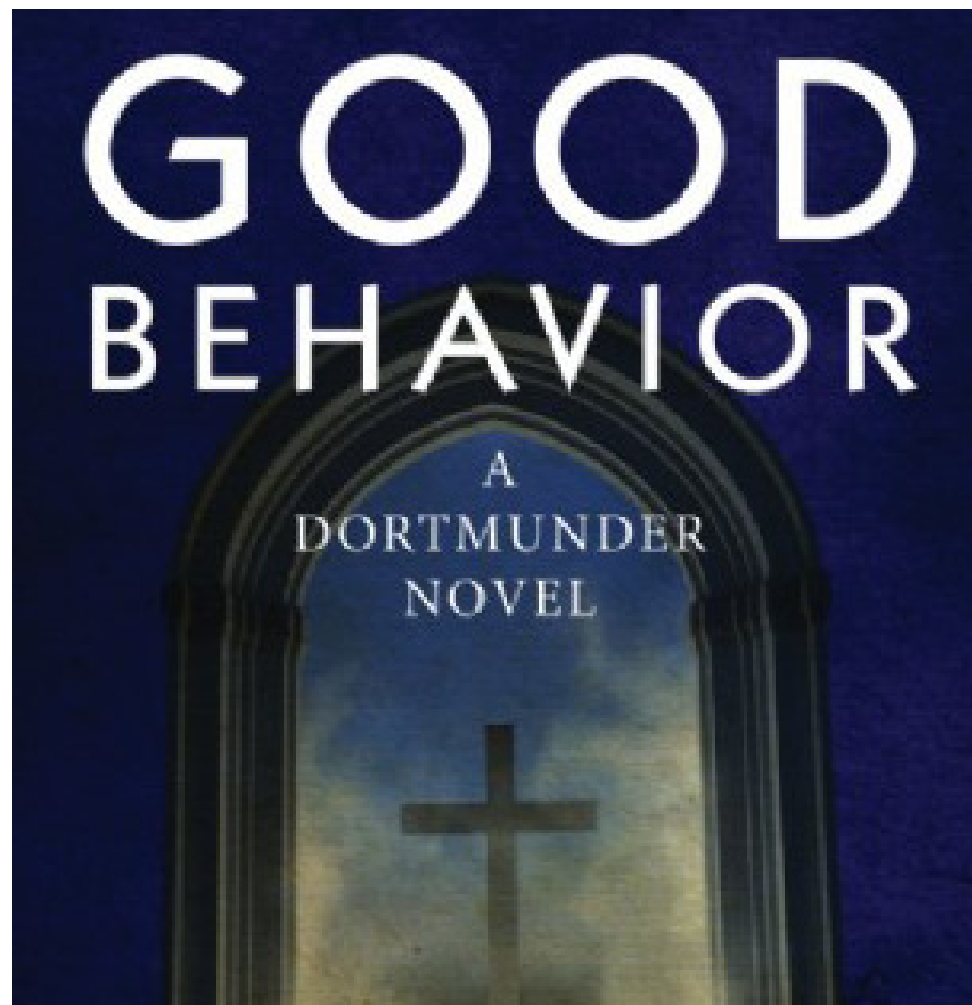


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Westlake was born in Brooklyn, New York, but raised in Albany, New York.

## Book Review:

### *Good Behavior* by Donald E. Westlake

By **DAN MASON**  
*Flashlight Advisor*

John Dortmunder is a burglar. He is a master thief. He is a criminal mastermind. He's just unlucky.

Dortmunder never thought of himself as the answer to anyone's prayer. When he finds himself being blackmailed by the Silent Sisterhood of St. Cecilia because he had to be rescued from their rafters when he broke into their convent while he was fleeing the police, Dortmunder learns that silence can speak volumes.

Sister Mary Grace is the daughter of a wealthy lord...I mean...businessman in the Kingdom...Borough of Manhattan. He disapproves of her taking to the veil. He has her kidnapped and locked in the highest tower of his castle...rather...in the penthouse of his skyscraper. If Dortmunder doesn't agree to rescue her, the Silent Sisters will squeal on him.

Dortmunder can't do the job alone, but he has no way to coerce his fellow var-lets...er...miscreants into helping him until the Lord delivers unto him the security plans for the whole building, from the ground level bank to the

penthouse apartment, more than 700 feet above the moat...uh...sidewalk.

With the help of the man-monster Tiny Bulcher, rat-faced Kelp, auto-obsessed Murch, businessperson J.C. Taylor and lockman Wilbur Howey who hasn't seen a woman in 48 years (Howey was sentenced 10 years for burglary and 38 years for constantly escaping from prison.), Dortmunder puts his hands together to pray...er...prey.

I love a good caper almost as much as a good book. I love a funny story. I love great characters and good writing. Good Behavior has all of those aspects and silent nuns who can't stop talking to boot.

I have a list of authors I turn to when I need something light to read. Westlake tops that list. His comic capers never fail to elicit guffaws, snorts, eye-rolls and the occasional reading-out-loud-of-passages from me.

While I was waiting for the latest Dortmunder book from Amazon, I snatched this one off my shelves to get back in, as Billy Joel probably wouldn't say, a Dortmunder state of mind. Almost as good as a vacation.

Have a suggestion for next issue's student organization of the week? Contact Dean Lee at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu).



# Student organization of the week: The Math Club

By DEAN LEE  
Features Editor

Mansfield University Math Club is taking math to a whole new level.

Currently the organization has ten to 12 active members. The new executive board includes President Paul Harrison, VP and Treasurer Jeremy Brokos and Secretary Samantha Castle.

The Math Club focuses on promoting math in new and exciting ways for the university and the community.

One of the most recent events the organization held was pi day. Pi is a symbol used in math with an indefinite decimal point, starting out with 3.1415.

Every March 14 many math people celebrate. The students in the Math Club celebrated by handing out free pie in

Lower Manser.  
“Next year is going to be great for us with it being 2015.” James Yingst said, “it is going to be 3.14.15.”

The Math club also tutors any student or community member that is having trouble with math of any subject.

“Right now I am tutoring a high school student in Calculus” said Yingst.

Tutoring is open to anyone who is seeking assistance in math. If you would like to set up an appointment send an email to mansfieldmath@gmail.com.

The organization also sells soda and water for 50 cents in Elliot Hall room 219.

There they have a refrigerator stocked with refreshments for any student willing to pay the price.

The organization brings people together. It brings together the people who love math.

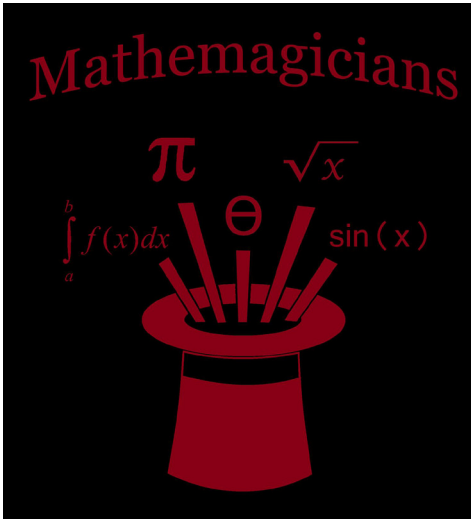


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This is one of the Math Club's shirt designs. It reads, "The Mathemagicians."

*The Flashlight*  
is now paying  
writers.

If you are  
interested,  
please contact  
us at *flashlit@mansfield.edu*

## A Salute to Veterans

By Dan Mason

Unscramble the Alarmists below. The phrases under each is a clue. Put the unscrambled letters into the blanks to the right. When you have unscrambled a name, transfer the letters from the blanks to the quote-grid below, putting the letters into the appropriately numbered boxes. You may find it helpful to work back and forth between the names and the quote grid. Unscramble the highlighted letters to identify the insightful American. (One letter will be used twice.)

### Army Jobs

UNCLEAN ROT

Enraged by Democrats

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SHARIA PLAN

Enraged by demons

7 17 5 6 29 46 10 35 36

WIGGLE LORE

Enraged by Liberals

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A VIVID GRIND

Enraged by Holocaust

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AMBUSH UH GIRL

Enraged by everything

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LILY OR LIBEL

Enrages everyone

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Opinion

“from the editor’s desk”

& Editorial

Stepping out and stepping up to lead

By **KATIE CRANE**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

This is my first issue as editor-in-chief.

I never thought that I’d be editor-in-chief of The Flashlight or on the editorial staff at all for that matter. I always enjoyed writing the occasional article about an event I was excited about or a new club on campus. I was never one to fully commit to most things.

I still remember the day Bryan Mahosky came up to me in class and asked if I wanted to join the staff. It was something that I had thought about, but I probably wasn’t going to do it. Then Bryan said that it would be hard for me to get a job with a skimpy portfolio and no experience on a newspaper staff. He was right. If it wasn’t for him twisting my arm I wouldn’t be here today.

I remember going in and being thrown into an editorial position right away. I was features editor to be exact. It was a smaller section, but I was still terrified.

I liked it though. I was able to write about people and organizations that most people didn’t know about and find the things that made them interesting and unique.

My favorites wold have to be the ones I did on Carlos Rodriguez, GLO (soon to be Spectrum) and the Bass Fishing Club.

Soon I was getting praise from the then sports editor, Chance Cook, as well as the others. Chance had a natural way of raising the morale of the whole group. Working with him was truly an honor. I wish him the best of luck in Brazil.

Dave Barr is definitely a character. Because of him, I’ve

learned so much about Nascar and *The Big Bang Theory* that I wouldn’t have learned otherwise.

I realized that I have a knack for tricking people when he mistakenly put my fake news story in the real news section of our Trashlight issue. Maybe I’ll get a job at The Onion one day.

I’m also thankful for Mr. Mason. His sayings have found their way in my mind whenever I write a story.

“Get me some sexy quotes,” he would say.

This will be his last semester as our advisor. I’m excited to meet our new advisor, Dr. Guignard, from the department of English.

Dean Lee is another character. His antics ensure that it is never a dull moment in the room with no windows that we call The Flashlight office. He is now the features editor. He is one person that will definitely be here helping me next semester. I don’t know if that’s a blessing or a curse, but we will see in the fall.

When I came to the office on Monday, it seemed unfamiliar. The office I spent most of my college career in was now foreign to me.

I came back Tuesday afternoon for our weekly meeting to see if these nerves had gone away. Chelsea Simmers was just leaving.

Chelsea, by the way, has been great. I enjoy seeing a new face in the office, especially since she’s the only other woman involved in the organization right now.

Anyway, I sat in Bryan’s seat and it felt kind of weird. Anyone who knows me personally knows that I am not a big fan of change.

I sat in my usual chair and typed this editorial on my usual

computer in the corner.

Truth is, it seems crazy to think that I can fill Bryan’s shoes right now. He has done so much for this organization. I know it’s not easy either.

He’s had to deal with trying to get things done and spending countless hours and nights in the office. He’s had to oversee us and make decisions that impact all of us. On top of that, he’s had to maintain a class and work schedule.

Hopefully by next semester I can step out and step up to lead and give the students an interesting and exciting piece of work every week.

We’re hoping to get some new faces in the office next semester as well. It would be nice to have more people contribute and write for us so that we can get a greater range on the different activities that occur on campus. This university really has a lot more events than we can cover alone and it’s a shame that some of them fall through the cracks, but as a small staff of student volunteers, we can only do so much.

I also want to thank the students of Mansfield University for giving us something to write about in the first place. I think it’s exciting to see organizations come up with events and start traditions.

Brad Veach once said that when alumni come back, they want to see The Flashlight since they had no yearbook. It’s like their little piece of history. I want to make sure that everyone is looking at The Flashlight years from now as we write the first rough draft of history here.

Thanks to everyone that helped along the way to inspire me to lead this organization and make it the best that it can be.

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# Horoscopes

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## ARIES

March 21 - April 19

Charm is your best friend today, so make sure that you're thinking it all through before you try to get anything from anyone. Your best bet is to hear them out before making your case.

## TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

Today is all about you! (Well, and also a little about the United States Treasury.) You need to spend some of the day on your own issues, even if it's packed with other activities. Make the time.

## GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

You're feeling thoughtful today and you ought to be able to dream up some great new ideas if you can just get some time to yourself. You're not introverted, though — you just need to think.

## CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Some important deadline or request is much harder to realize than you want it to be. Call in the cavalry and see if you can make things happen with a little help from your friends. It's not as bad as you fear.

## LEO

July 23 - August 22

You either make a new friend today or contact one you haven't heard from in a while. It's a great time to build up your social network, even if that phrase offends your sensibilities.

## VIRGO

August 23 - September 22

You feel drawn to something deeper and more meaningful today — so make sure that you're pushing yourself in that new direction. It may be spiritual, romantic or neither, but you should enjoy it.

## LIBRA

September 23 - October 22

Your eye for beauty extends to all your senses today, and you should find that you're deep into some work of art (or hot new colleague) before the end of the day. Enjoy the thrill!

## SCORPIO

October 23 - November 21

Something's a little weird today — but you're not sure what to make of it! Just let it ride and see if you can figure it out later. Things should make sense soon, once it rises out of your subliminal state of awareness.

## SAGITTARIUS

November 22 - December 21

Today brings news from someone you know, but not well. It may be that you're being approached about a job or that you need to get back in touch with a friend of a friend regarding something important.

## CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 19

Get started on something new — you've got to make sure that you're keeping it fresh or you may find that things start to get really boring really quickly. It could be almost anything!

## AQUARIUS

January 20 - February 18

A new cultural experience forces you to see things in a new light — and it's a good one! Try not to worry too much about where it's all headed, as exploration is the name of the game today.

## PISCES

February 19 - March 20

It's time to go for something new and better — so make sure that you're on the lookout for ways to improve your lot in life. Opportunities are coming your way, so get ready for them!

## Entertainment Corner

Billboard Top 200 Albums:

- 1.) Happy - Pharrell Williams
- 2.) All Of Me - John Legend
- 3.) Dark Horse - Katy Perry
- 4.) Talk Dirty - Jason Derulo
- 5.) Let It Go - Idina Menzel



Top 5 Movies:

- 1.) Captin America: The Winter Soldier
- 2.) Rio 2
- 3.) Oculus
- 4.) Draft Day
- 5.) Noah



## Word of the Week:

mot \ moh \ , noun;

- 1. a pithy or witty remark; bon mot .
- 2. Archaic . a note on a horn, bugle, etc.

## Quote of the Week:

“If you don't like how things are, change it! You're not a tree.”  
-Jim Rohn

## Fact of the Week:

All polar bears are left-handed.

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# Softball splits last six games

By **DAVID BARR**  
*Sports Editor*

The Mansfield softball team split their last six games the past week, going 3-3. The team played Lock Haven, Shippensburg, and West Chester. The Mounties split with Lock Haven, swept Shippensburg, and were swept by West Chester.

In the first game against Lock Haven, Mansfield was in a 1-0 hole after two innings, before Kate Pratt doubled home Hannah Secord to tie the game at one. The Mountaineers took the lead for good in the fifth inning thanks to Stephanie Simmeth. After hitting a single, Megan Miller was replaced by runner Laura Lawson. Lawson moved to second on a sac bunt by Secord and scored on Simmeth's double to give Mansfield a 2-1 lead. Mansfield added two more runs with an Amanda Goodwin double that brought home Simmeth and Pratt for a 4-1 lead.

That was all Pratt needed as she made it a three up three down sixth inning for Lock Haven and struck out two and forced a groundout in the seventh to win the game.

Game two against Lock Haven saw the Bald Eagles jump out to a 3-0 lead with a three-run homerun in the top of the second inning with two outs. Mansfield responded by exploding for five runs of its own in the third. Courtney Bauder had a two-run double and Pratt hit a three-run shot for a 5-3 Mansfield lead.

A two-run homerun and an RBI single gave the Bald Eagles the lead right back in the fourth inning. Mansfield later tied the game at 6-6 in the fifth on an RBI single by Miller. Lock Haven took the lead for good in the top of the seventh inning on an RBI single with runners on first and second.

Mansfield threatened to tie the game by having a runner in scoring position in the bottom of the seventh, but a popout ended the threat.

Things went Mansfield's way against Shippensburg University.

Mansfield took the first game in extra innings by a final score of 2-1. Kayla Hahn's single in the first inning scored Courtney Bauder, and put Mansfield up 1-0.

Shippensburg retaliated by tying the game at one apiece in the top of the third inning. The score stayed that way for the rest of regulation, since neither team could advance a runner past second base until Shippensburg got a runner to third in the eighth inning.

With the score still tied 1-1 in the tenth inning, the international tie breaker rule was put into effect, meaning that each team started the inning with a runner on second base. Pratt knuckled down and got two strikeouts and a popout to get out of the jam.

Mansfield's Kayla Allen started at second, moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Bauder and scored the game-winning run on a single

by Goodwin.

Game two was a different story as Mansfield didn't need extra innings for this win.

Mansfield held a 2-0 lead thanks to a two-run homerun by Bauder in the third. Mansfield later added to its lead when Goodwin scored on an Ashley Inman's RBI single to make it 3-0 Mansfield.

Shippensburg got its only two runs of the game in the top of the fourth and cut their deficit to a single run, but Mansfield came right back with two more runs to hold a 5-2 lead. Kaitlyn Harris started the inning with a single and scored on an RBI double by Allen. Allen then scored thanks to Goodwin's RBI single.

In the fifth inning, Allen hit a bases-loaded single to give Mansfield a 6-2 lead and Bauder was hit by a pitch to bring home the final Mansfield run for a winning score of 7-2.

It didn't go quite as well for Mansfield against West Chester.

Despite going extra innings in the first game of a double header, Mansfield dropped both games to their division rival, who was ranked at 23 in the nation in Division II.

West Chester had 1-0 lead for the first three innings, until Mansfield finally got on the board. Back-to-back singles by Allen and Bauder gave Mansfield runners on first and second with no outs. Goodwin sacrificed herself to advance both runners and Inman scored both with a single to right for a 2-1 Mountie lead. Harris later added another run on an RBI single for a 3-1 Mansfield advantage. Goodwin made it 4-1 in favor of the Mounties when she hit an RBI single in the bottom of the fourth inning.

West Chester explode for three runs of its own in the sixth inning and tied the game at 4-4.

Mansfield had its opportunities to take the lead in the remainder of regulation, but couldn't push the leading run across the plate. West Chester got the bases loaded in the eighth inning with no outs. A force play at the plate brought in the Mansfield infield and West Chester made them pay by singling home all three runners for a 7-4 West Chester advantage. Mansfield had no answer for the Golden Rams and fell by a final score of 7-4.

In game two, before Mansfield knew what happened, West Chester had jumped out to a 5-0 lead after only two innings. Mansfield made it 5-1 in the second inning when Kaitlyn Hewitt hit an RBI single and Pratt hit a solo homerun to make it 5-2, but that was as close as the Mountaineers got before West Chester pulled away for a 6-2 win.

Mansfield has a 15-9 record on the season with a 7-7 division record. The Mountaineers are scheduled to play at East Stroudsburg on Thursday and at home against Kutztown today.



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Pratt has a 6-3 record in 12 games this year.

## Pratt named PSAC pitcher of the week

Mansfield University standout Kate Pratt has been named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East Division Pitcher of the Week for her outstanding performance in the week ending 4/13/14.

Pratt led the Mountaineers to a 3-1 week with a pair of complete game wins. The senior righty went the distance in a 4-1 victory over Lock Haven allowing six hits and just one earned run while striking out six.

She then went all 10 innings in a 2-1 win over Shippensburg allowing just six hits

over that span with one earned run and striking out seven. In two games during the week, Pratt allowed two earned runs over 17.0 innings worked with 12 hits. She struck out 13 while walking just two and limited opponents to a .194 batting average.

For the season, Pratt has a 6-3 mark with seven complete games in 12 starts. In 65.0 innings worked she has allowed 43 hits while striking out 49 and walking 20. Opponents are batting just .185 against her.

## Men basketball to host fundraiser at Wild Wings tonight

You can help support the Mansfield University men's basketball program while enjoying the good times and legendary food at Buffalo Wild Wings this Friday.

Customers presenting the Eat Wins – Raise Funds coupon will have 15% of their pre-taxed food sales (less alcohol and promotional discounts) donated to the men's basketball scholarship fund by Buffalo Wild Wings in nearby Horseheads, NY.

"We hope to see a lot of our fans and supporters at Buffalo Wild Wings in Horseheads this Friday," head coach Rich Miller said.

"It's a great opportunity to enjoy an evening out and help the Mountaineer men's basketball program."

Buffalo Wild Wings is located at 1631 County Rt 64 in Horseheads.

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## Baseball gets swept by East Stroudsburg University in two doubleheaders

By TOM PASSMORE  
*Sports Writer*

Mansfield University lost at home on the weekend, dropping four straight to East Stroudsburg University.

Mansfield's game against East Stroudsburg was cancelled, but made up the next day. In the first game against East Stroudsburg, Mansfield jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning on a steal of home by Seth Tressler, a Westyn Baylor RBI double and an Anthony Renz two-run homerun.

East Stroudsburg would strike first in the third inning when they got two RBI singles to cut Mansfield's lead to 4-2. Mansfield wouldn't threaten again offensively in the game, as Stroudsburg would take the lead in the 6th inning on two RBI single and an RBI triple, to put Stroudsburg up for good as they won the game 5-4.

In the second game, Mansfield would get out to an early lead again in the first inning, scoring on a sacrifice fly by Westyn Baylor in the first inning. In this game however, Mansfield's rotation wasn't up to the challenge as they walked seven between four pitchers and gave up nine earned runs

in the game as Mansfield lost the second game as well, 9-3.

Marshal Kiessling would also have a sacrifice fly in the game and a Johnny LeClair RBI single as the Mountaineers couldn't capitalize on their nine hits in the game.

The next two games against East Stroudsburg were played at Shaute Field, but would yield similar results. In the first game, East Stroudsburg would take the early lead in the second inning on a RBI double and two RBI single to make the score 3-0. East Stroudsburg would add six more runs in the third inning on the power of a three-run homerun and two RBI doubles. Mansfield would have a run of its own adding two runs in the bottom of the third and six runs in the bottom of the fourth to cut Stroudsburg's lead 10-8.

However, Stroudsburg's offense proved to be too much for the Mountaineers as they added on two more runs on in the sixth and seventh innings to win the game 14-8. In the second game, offense would still dominate the day as Stroudsburg would put up an 11 spot in the first inning on the Mountaineers, a hole they couldn't climb out of. Mansfield



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Despite three homeruns from Anthony Renz, Mansfield still dropped all four games to ESU.

would show some power in the game however, as they would hit three homeruns, one each by Brandon Miller, Anthony Renz and Westyn Baylor. Mansfield allowed 22 hits

in the game by East Stroudsburg as they lost 19-6.

Mansfield's next game is scheduled for Friday April 18, at Millersville University.

## Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
18 -Baseball @ Millersville University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs. Kutztown University (DH) 2:30 p.m.	19 -Baseball vs. Millersville University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs. Bloomsburg University (DH) 1:00 p.m.	20	21	22 -Baseball @ Clarion University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball @ Wilmington University (DH) 2:00 p.m. -Softball @ Bloomsburg (DH) 2:30 p.m.	23 -Baseball vs. Lock Haven University (DH) 1:00 p.m.	24 -Track and Field @ Penn's Relays
25 -Baseball vs. Bloomsburg University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball @ Lock Haven (DH) 2:30 p.m.	26 -Baseball @ Bloomsburg University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs. Millersville (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Track and Field @ Maroon and Gold Invitational	27	28	29	30 -Baseball vs. PSAC Championships TBA -Softball vs. PSAC Championships TBA	1 -Track and Field vs. PSAC Outdoor Championships -Baseball vs. PSAC Championships -Softball vs. PSAC Championships



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## **BSU and Domination collaborated for Fashion Weekend**



(L to R) Celeste Wilkerson, Nyemah Taylor and Dajah Ravenell were dressed to go along with BSU's circus theme during Friday's fashion show.

PHOTO BY VIVIAN MORALES

**By YOLANDA STOKES**  
*Special to The Flashlight*

The Black Students Union (BSU) and modeling club, Domination, scheduled their spring fashion shows on the same weekend this year to create fashion weekend.

The first fashion show was on

Friday and organized by BSU and was titled Cirque Du Couture.

"It was a dark circus-themed show filled with lots of surprises such as the amazing performance by the BSU dance team, Soul Sophisticated," BSU public relation director, Jajhira Herbert said.

There were several themed

walks in the show including A jungle scene and a Great Gatsby scene.

"The show was surprising and fun. I really enjoyed myself," audience member, Christian Fermin said.

"It was hard getting all the props, materials, and music ready

for the show, but it all came together in the end," committee member, Monica Wilkerson said. "I think it was a success and hopefully we can get even more people to attend next year."

Saturday night capped off the fashion weekend with a show organized by Domination modeling club. The theme of this show was Barbie and Ken. Some attendees described the show as "colorful, crazy and fun." Some of the walking themes included a candy scene and a swimsuit scene.

"We worked on the show for about a month," Domination member Tiara Pendleton said. "It was hard having practice for both fashion shows, but I think they were both worth it."

Domination is a modeling group created for men and women of all ethnicities at the university. This modeling group supports and raises money for children diagnosed with sickle cell anemia, a prevalent disease in the African American community.

BSU has a spring fashion show every year.

Domination, however, wants to change the normal times of the year for their shows.

"We want to do a fashion show every month or every two months rather than having only one at the end of year," cofounder, Elexis Roie-Smith said.


Domination and BSU both hosted activities in South Hall Mall during the week to promote the shows. Pie A Domination Or BSU member and HIV/Sickle Cell informational sessions were thst Wednesday, April 16. April 17 was the mock fashion show and Friday, April 18 was BSU's "carnival" or pre-show.

Each night, there was a party after the show. Friday night was Men for Progress's annual all white party. Saturday night was Soul Sophisticated's neon lights party.



Weekly Weather


Friday



Showers

High:63 Low:43


Saturday



Few Showers

High:60 Low:31


Sunday



Partly Cloudy

High:54 Low:31


Monday



Partly Cloudy

High:55 Low:38


Tuesday



Partly Cloudy

High:60 Low:42


Wednesday



Few Showers

High:60 Low:44

Thursday



Showers

High:62 Low:42

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Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

- Don't miss out on the fun! MU Women's Basketball hosts their second Color Run on April 26. Sign up today for your free Color Me Spring shirt.

- Come hear the closing season concert of the Mansfield University Concert Wind Ensemble. Honored recently as being eligible for Grammy Nominations in Seven categories, the MU Concert Wind Ensemble has proven to be one of the finest collegiate wind bands in the country. Join us for a concert on Sunday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Admission is free, though canned goods and non-perishable food and paper products are greatly appreciated for the benefit of local food pantries.

- There will be a local pastor available on Mondays and Wednesdays. Stop by Jazzman's on Mondays from noon - 1:30 p.m. or stop by Manser on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Look for the sign "Chow With The Chaplains." FMI: Contact Courtney Hull, Campus Ministry, [chull@mansfield.edu](mailto:chull@mansfield.edu)

- National comedian Aziz Ansari from NBC's hit television show Parks & Recreation live & in concert on Sunday, April 27 at Decker Gym. Showtime: 8 p.m. Opening act: Moshe Kasher.  
Tickets are \$5 for MU students and \$15 for MU community, and can be purchased at the campus bookstore.  
Presented by MAC & SAO. Funded by student activity fees.

- United Campus Ministry is sponsoring The Great Cookie Giveaway!. Sunday, May 4 at 8 p.m. in the main lobby of your residence hall.  
Commuters: Commuter Lounge/Game Room of AHSC.  
We will be armed with cookies, chips, crackers and other snacks you need to help you get through finals. This is the community's little way of saying good luck! FMI: Contact Courtney Hull: [chull@mansfield.edu](mailto:chull@mansfield.edu)

POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

-4/22/14- Max Couloute was referred to the Chief Judicial Officer for violation of student conduct. He reportedly had a verbal altercation with a faculty member.

-4/21/14- Person(s) unknown entered a Jeep Wrangler that was parked in the T-2 parking Lot and displaced items that were located inside. The incident occurred between 4/19 and 4/21.

-4/19/14- Police were called by Residence Life staff members for a noise complaint and possession of alcohol violation on the 3rd floor of Sycamore. The following students were referred to Campus Judicial


for the violations: Shkira Lyons, 19; Chontece Harper, 20; Diamond Chayee, 19; Aliya Wyatt, 20; Lachae Solomon, 18; Yolanda Stokes, 18; Maya Phillips, 19; Michael Hillary, 20.

-4/19/14- A member of the university staff reported that person(s) unknown had unlawfully entered the outbuilding just beyond the right field fence of Lutes Field. The personal effects of several individuals appear to have been rifled through, and at least one item was broken during this incident.

-4/18-14- Police received a complaint for criminal mischief in which person(s) unknown used red paint and a paint roller to damage the walls, white board, mirrors, and floors of the Field House Locker Room.

-4/10/14- A student reported that someone had taken two pairs of shoes and three articles of clothing from his room in Sycamore. Investigation of this theft continues.

World News



Headlines from across the planet

Blurbs courtesy of [cnn.com](http://cnn.com)

-4/21/14- First distress call on S. Korean ferry from passenger, not crew, coast guard says  
- Crew made a distress call three minutes after passenger, South Korean coast guard says  
- "Help us. The boat is sinking," a boy told dispatchers, according to CNN affiliate JTBC  
- Nine crew members facing charges in ferry sinking  
- "Divers can't even see their hands," a search official says

-4/21/14- Meet the woman who could turn Texas purple  
- Democrat Van de Putte is running for lieutenant governor in solidly GOP Texas  
- She played a powerful role during Wendy Davis' abortion rights filibuster  
- She's the ideal demographic for Texas voters: a Hispanic woman  
- Her fundraising totals so far have been weak

-4/21/14- Stowaway teen says he was trying to see mother in Somalia, official says  
- Teen told investigators he was trying to get to Somalia to see his mother  
- Teen jumped San Jose airport fence shortly after 1 a.m. on Sunday, official says  
- He traveled from California to Hawaii in plane's landing gear hold  
- He is now with child welfare services, official says

-4/21/14- North Korea steps up activity at its nuclear site, South says  
- It could be preparations for a test or deception, a South Korean official says  
- The reported activity comes just days before President Obama is due to visit Seoul  
- Pyongyang said last month that it wouldn't rule out "a new form of nuclear test"  
- North Korea's last nuclear test in February 2013 was widely condemned

-4/21/14- Pennsylvania prep school students arrested in drug ring  
- Suspects face felony drug charges, could face jail time.  
- 8 adults, 2 juveniles suspected of running Main Line drug ring



## Last weekend in pictures...

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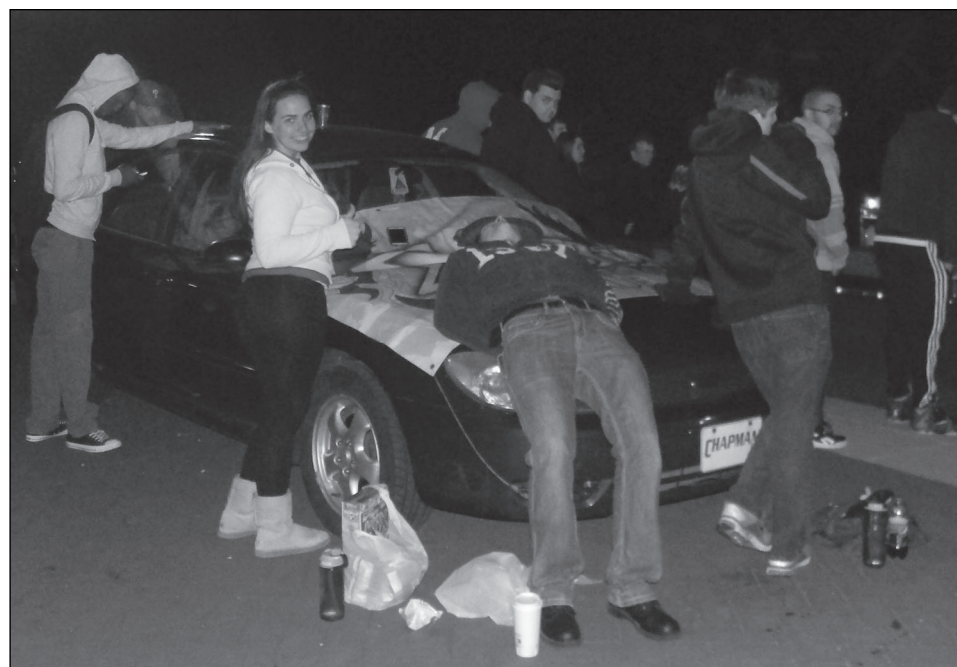
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Greek Life at Mansfield University held various activities in South Hall Mall last weekend. Sigma Alpha Epsilon had its annual “hand on a van” competition in which students compete to see who can keep their hand on a van (or car) the longest. Alpha Kappa Lambda held a bike-a-thon. They were able to raise over their goal of \$1,000. Other fraternities and sororities as well as mascot, The Mountie, attended to show support.



# SGA approves \$17,500 for Alpha Kappa Lambda-hosted party



By **BRYAN MAHOSKY**  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Student Government Association (SGA) passed a motion to earmark \$17,500 for a party at The Hut to take place at the beginning of the Fall 2014 semester.

The party, “Lights All Night,” will be hosted by Alpha Kappa Lambda and is being paid for by student activity fees.

The budget breakdown is as follows:  
\$2,500 for outdoor/campus lighting  
\$3,000 for audio  
\$9,000 for visual components inside The Hut (i.e., lights, staging, screen)  
\$3,000 for labor and transport

The outdoor/campus lighting will be used to light up the dormitories; the sides of the buildings will be illuminated. Senator Alex Bock raised concerns about the lights affecting students

who want to sleep or otherwise not be disturbed by the lights on the dormitories. Alpha Kappa Lambda member and SGA senator Paul Mansfield said the lights could be aimed and focused in a manner that will not disturb students in the dormitories.

The objective for this party is to “provide an amazing experience for all returning students, as well as incoming freshman,” according to Alpha Kappa Lambda member Kyle Melvin.

As well as “bringing the university together for one electrifying night,” this even will help prevent students from going off-campus to party in unsafe conditions, Mansfield said.

The Hut has a capacity of 200 people, and Alpha Kappa Lambda predicts “Light’s All Night” to have The Hut at full capacity throughout the duration of the event.

Advisors Christopher Bridges and Todd Ranney expressed concern about the consistent renting of equipment. They suggested that the possibility of purchasing the equipment be looked into. This is an option that would cost more up front but may cost less over time.

Alpha Kappa Lambda will provide security, Melvin said.

The event is scheduled for August 29. Bock was appointed as the chairperson of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will review student organization budgets to ensure that the organizations are spending their allocated money as approved by CoF.

According to Director of Information and Technology Tara Warriner, the SGA website has been updated to reflect the new executive board. The minutes from SGA meetings are now up to date.

This was the last SGA meeting of the semester. Next year’s meetings will be held Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in 307 Alumni Hall.

*The Flashlight* is looking for staff writers for next semester. Contact next year’s Editor-in-Chief Katie Crane at [flashlit@mansfield.edu](mailto:flashlit@mansfield.edu) if you’re interested in getting paid to write articles relating to news, features, or sports.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
25 Start Day 2nd Annual Operation Ambition Conference  12:00 PM - 4:00 PM COM Day  6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Bokwa Fitness Master Class	26 End Day 2nd Annual Operation Ambition Conference  9:00 AM ACCEPTED STUDENT DAY  11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Guitar Ensemble Concert	27 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM \$Carmina Burana - Carl Orff in Steadman  7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Concert Wind Ensemble Performance  8:00 PM - 9:30 PM AZIZ ANSARI - LIVE & IN CONCERT	28  5:00 PM - 6:00 PM The DV Quartet Recital  6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Real estate pre-license courses  7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Brass Band and Percussion Ensemble Concert	29 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Northeast Bradford High School Bus Trip  Various Times Bible Study	30 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wyoming County Business, Gas, & Job Expo	30 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wyoming County Business, Gas, & Job Expo
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## Letter to the Editor: Funding for media organizations should change

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that The Flashlight operates under a system that may disrupt its journalistic integrity.

I am referring to the fact that the campus newspaper (and our campus radio station and television station) is funded by student activity fees through the Student Government Association.

As we are often taught, the media is the "Fourth Estate" of the American government. This means that the media has a responsibility to hold the government and its members accountable for its actions; it is the "watchdog." I believe this translates to a college setting as well.

However, it seems as though the responsibility of The Flashlight to be the watchdog of the Student Government Association (SGA) may be infringed upon if SGA is the party responsible for funding The Flashlight.

Let's say The Flashlight published an article that is detrimental to SGA in some form – an unfortunate truth has been reported, for example. Under a system in which the newspaper is funded by a separate entity, this would be suitable. However, under the current system, all it takes is one majority vote from SGA to stop the presses.

I would like to iterate that I do not think the current members of SGA would do this. The fact remains that the system is nonetheless flawed.

I wouldn't be concerned if there wasn't already a precedent. According to an article by Cheryl R. Clarke in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, with the headline "Funds for Mansfield University student newspaper frozen," the funding for The Flashlight was

frozen in 2010.

This meant that all allocated funds to be used for publishing were no longer usable by The Flashlight. Printing would have had to come to a stop if the matter hadn't been handled hastily enough.

I have one suggestion to change this process.

Have The Flashlight, WNTE, and MUTV go through a different party for the student activity fees. Rather than be under the SGA umbrella like the rest of the student clubs and organizations, I argue that these three media-related organizations go through another party responsible for handling the funds. This would mean that the government is no longer able to muzzle the watchdog – AKA no censorship.

I argue that the media-related student organizations should be treated like athletics or music ensembles, which have, among others, withdrawn from under the SGA umbrella. These organizations receive a percentage of student activity fees each year, and I believe that The Flashlight, WNTE, and MUTV should be operating under this system.

By having The Flashlight funded by the student government, I fear a time may come when the journalists of our campus newspaper are told to omit an article that needs to be seen by the campus community or, on the other hand, the journalists are told to write articles about events with a certain spin (which is really just PR). Such power should not come from holding the pursestrings.

Thank you,  
Bryan Mahosky

## Letter to the Editor: Students deal with the uncertainty ahead

Dear Editor,

Many students here at Mansfield University are either misinformed about policies being put into place for next year, or they have no idea that anything at our university is going to change.

Let me further explain what I mean... On March 26, 2014 in the North hall library there was a meeting held with members of Mansfield's SGA and the universities council of trustees. They were meeting to discuss various issues including the placement of six programs into moratorium. What does this mean? Students who are currently in these programs have the right to finish in their chosen field of study by contract through the university, but these programs will no longer be offered to new students for next year. The programs that are being affected by this choice are the MA in Music, MS in Children's Literature, BS in Art Education, BS in Spanish Education, BA in Spanish and BA in Sociology/Anthropology.

This is not just going to be a change that will impact the student in the major, because these cut programs will result in less general education classes offered for those students who will continue here. I, myself, am currently studying Anthropology/sociology at Mansfield and have been since three years ago. The retrenchment hit our department hard enough, when due to lacking funds our administrators chose to let go Dr. Clark. He is the only anthropology professor on our campus, and now he is being forced to leave. There is nothing that we can do now to change the decisions that have already been made about our university, but we can demand answers about the directions of our futures from the people who made these decisions for us.

The deep rooted and underlying problems that seems to be causing all of the

trouble for our university, are issues that involve finances and budgeting. For the students in the anthropology/sociology program, and many of the other programs that are now in moratorium, they are facing an uncertain path for their future. According to interim provost, David Steinbach, "Students enrolled in these programs will be provided the opportunity to complete their degree studies." It is a step in the right direction, and a positive aspect of this change, but not a single person has told the students how they are going to be able to finish out...especially in majors that are losing valued professors. There have been propositions made about introducing more online courses to finish out the students who joined majors. This raises issues of the quality and experience of an online education. Many students have stressed that they do not obtain the same type of education when taking an online class, compared to an in class lecture.

We as students of this university have to right to question what is being decided for us, after all this is our future and education. We have the right to have the answers to questions that come about due to these changes we are facing. We have the right to stay here or find another educational institution which will help us achieve our goals. Mansfield University's administration and council of trustees have made these decisions to cut off useful and valid courses of study because of funding, the least they can do is tell the student what is going to happen. This is not an easy situation for anyone at our University, but with better communication between administration and the students it could run a lot smoother. After all, isn't the best interest of the student at mind here?

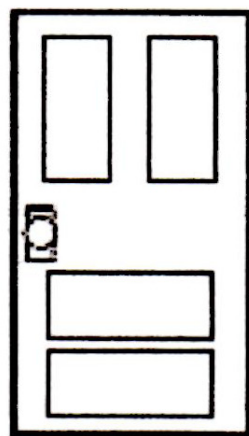
Sincerely,  
Samantha Mertz

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## Book Review:

### *The Girl with the Long Green Heart* by Lawrence Block

By DAN MASON  
Flashlight Advisor

John Hayden is an ex-grifter. He just finished seven years in San Quentin where he took hotel management and accounting correspondence courses. Now he helps manage a bowling alley in Colorado and dreams of owning a roadhouse.

When Doug Rance shows up, it's not difficult to talk Hayden back into the grift.

Rance has the perfect scheme: Con a greedy land developer. Sell him all the worthless land he wants. All it will take is a good front and someone on the inside.

Fortunately, Rance has a someone in mind. Evelyn Stone is secretary to Wallace Gunderman who was going to marry her until his wife died and he realized he didn't have to buy a cow when he was getting all his milk for free.

Hayden plays hard-to-get with Gunderman while Wally tempts him with Evie. Hayden falls for the Evie in a big way. After the con they are going to get married and run the roadhouse in Colorado together, if Hayden can just get past Evie having to sleep with her boss until the scam is over.

Things get ugly when the lies start flying

and someone dies.

Block writes tight. There are no spare words in the story. It's dark. The characters are interesting. The story is exciting. I read it in one sitting.

I don't know much about grifts but love reading about them. This variation of the long-con is brilliant. Even though I knew from the beginning that something was going to go wrong, I was not prepared when it did. I was not able to predict what was going to go wrong. I could not predict how Hayden and Rance were going to deal with it.

If I ever get in a tight situation, I hope I am able to deal with it as coolly and well as they did.

This book is a rerelease. Block wrote it circa 1965. It must be read with that in mind. I was delighted to get glimpses of the world as it was: no metal detectors, no problem getting a gun on an airplane, no problem crossing from Canada to the US and back, everyone smoked and men called women "frails." It is difficult for me to reconcile that world with today.

I enjoyed Block's guided tour. I read everything Block wrote in the past 30 years. I'm looking forward to his older works being available again.

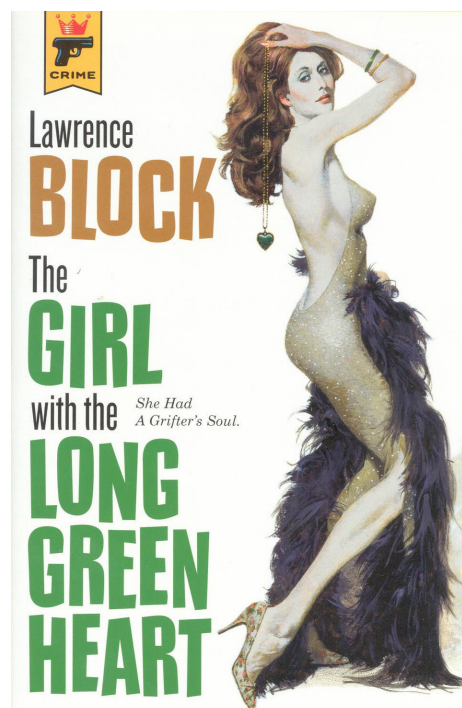


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Lawrence Block is a writer best known for two long-running New York-set series, about the recovering alcoholic P.I. Matthew Scudder and gentleman burglar Bernie Rhodenbarr, respectively.

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## The How-To-Guide: How to sign up for classes

As college students we all need create our own class schedule.

In each major there are certain classes you need to take for the major. In any case we will have to create a class schedule, which is easier said than done.

Today you will be walked through on how to set up and make your class schedule. Some items you will need: Computer (with internet), Pen and Paper.

1.) First you have to figure out what classes you need to take.

a.) To do this you need to log onto *Webadvisor*

b.) After doing so you will click on *Program Evaluation*

2.) You will need to write down which courses you need and which ones you have already taken.

3.) After you have completed that, you will need to navigate back to the *Main Menu*.

a.) At the *Main Menu* you need to select the *Search for Sections* link.

4.) In the Search for Sections page you will need to select the upcoming semester in the drop down.

5.) After that you will need to find the courses that you have listed that you need.

a.) Make sure that none of the courses overlap in times.

b.) Make sure that you select

courses that are in your major first.

6.) After you are complete, and have a schedule of classes, you will now have to go meet with your advisor.

a.) They may give you tips to select a different course.

b.) They may also double check to make sure that it meets your majors requirements.

7.) Once done meeting with your advisor you will need to log back on to *Webadvisor*, and click Register for Sections.

a.) In this link you have different options to choose from.

b.) You may select any one that best fits your needs.

8.) After you have found all of your classes you can submit your class schedule.

a.) Make sure that you click all of the submit buttons you need to click.

9.) To check to make sure that you are registered for your classes go to the *Main Menu* in *Webadvisor* and click *Class Schedule*.

a.) Select the upcoming semester, and all your classes are there then you are complete.

10.) Enjoy your new classes!



# Student organization of the week: The Ping-Pong Club

By DEAN LEE  
Features Editor

The Ping-Pong Club invites everyone to join thier organization.

The Ping-pong Club was officially recog-nized by Student Governement Association (SGA) as an active organization on March 24, 2014.

The organization was created by a few people who had a love for the game. They decided to get a group together and went to SGA with a request which was later approved.

The Ping-Pong Club is headed by Nicolai Hibshman as President, Zack Rossetti as Sec-retary, and David Lewis as Treasurer.

The organization’s main goal is to get stu-dents out of thier rooms to meet new people while having fun.

The organization does not have that

many members and hopes to get more.  
“Next semester I hope to get more people to come out to the Ping-Pong Club,” Hibsh-man said.

The organization meets Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Spruce recreation room.

The only event the organization has host-ed was the ping-pong tournament on March 31.

There were six participants in the event, and there were three winners. Each winner got candy. The first place winner got the most and second got more than the third.

“I think that more people would have come out.” Hibshman said, “but it was the finale of How I Meet Your Mother.”

This organization does not know what they want to do for upcoming semesters, but are open to suggestions. Anyone is welcome to join.

## The Flashlight needs writers like you!

Know something interesting that’s happen-ing in the news, on campus or in an orga-nization?

Send your story ideas to *flashlit@mans-field.edu* or talk to us at our weekly meet-ings on Tuesday at 4 p.m. in Alumni room 2M.

### Touching the Future

By Dan Mason

Unscramble the teachers. The phrase under each is a clue. Put the unscrambled letters into the blanks to the right. When you have unscrambled a job, transfer the letters from the blanks to the quote-grid below, putting the letters into the appropriately numbered box-es. You may find it helpful to work back and forth between the jobs and the quote grid.

### Teachers

FOCUS IN UC

They might come to the rescue

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ANNUAL SNIVEL

They lob bombs

35 42 43 17 11 3 18 23 5 24

LEND TAMPERING

Supply side

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OK BONNIEST WART HOG

Might drive a snake

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Editorial

Why did I choose journalism again?

By **KATIE CRANE**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

I went to a storytelling workshop last week in North Manser. There I saw Dawn Fraser. She is a humorist, storyteller and speaker. I learned a lot about story structure and building characters from her. You would think, as a journalism major that I’d be a little more skilled in the art of storytelling because that is pretty much all journalism is. It’s telling a story about a person place or thing that the audience (reader) has never met, been to or experienced. This is the way I always look at it, but when I try to tell a story aloud I usually fall flat on my face. I forget parts or talk in circles and before long I’ve lost my point. When I write it’s a whole different story. I can start with the structure of the story and fill in details later. I like it better this way. People don’t know too much about me except that I’m quiet and I write for The Flashlight. For this issue, the last issue of the semester, I’ve decided to give all two of you readers a special treat (Most people only read the police beat, but that’s okay). I’m going to tell you a little about how I decided that I wanted to be a journalist for the rest of my life. I was a senior in high school and all I wanted to do was graduate and go away to college. I wasn’t sure exactly what I

wanted to do, but I figured that I would find it out once I got there. Even as a little girl, I always wanted to save or change lives in a positive way. I only remember one of my classes that year and it was forensic science taught by Mrs. Evans. I loved that class. It didn’t just deal with the scientific side of things, but the social side as well. We would have different labs to test blood spatter, latent finger prints, and dental analysis. We would also watch things like *The First 48*, court cases other crime shows. I remember Mrs. Evans loved forensic scientist, Dr. Henry Lee (maybe a little too much). She would always refer to him and other great professionals in different fields. We got to see the justice system from the point of view of the forensic scientist as well as the homicide detective, the lawyer and the journalist. She would often mention Pete Shellem as well. He was a journalist for The Patriot News, a well known newspaper in Harrisburg. I’d always look through the newspaper after my dad was finished and look for movie show times and little recipes. I guess you can say I grew up with it. Shellem was an investigative reporter for The Patriot-News where he worked for 23 years. He was instrumental in obtaining the release of five wrongfully convicted innocent people. All of these people were sentenced to life or death for crimes

that they did not commit. They included Barry Laughman, David Gladden, Patty Carbone, Jay C. Smith and Steven Crawford. My mom was good friends was Steven Crawford’s sister, so there were not too many degrees of separation between Shellem and me. His work even lead to the imprisonment of Ernie Preate, a onetime Pennsylvania attorney general who served a one-year prison term for campaign-related mail fraud. Unfortunately, Shellem died before he was able to visit my class and speak about all the accomplishments and changes he’s made through journalism. I wanted to do the same. This was my way of saving a life or impacting someone else’s life. I knew I couldn’t stomach seeing dead bodies being a homicide detective. I knew I wasn’t good at science and wouldn’t pass everything I needed to be a forensic scientist. I knew I wasn’t argumentative enough to be a lawyer. I also knew that I could make a difference through writing, something that I already liked to do. I was never able to meet Pete Shellem, but his work has inspired me to work hard and continue to write for this newspaper whether two people or two million people read it. The long hours, scheduling interviews, talking to strangers and lack of sleep are all worth it. One day it might be life or death for someone.

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# Horoscopes

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## ARIES

**March 21 - April 19**

Set goals today — you may need to replace a few, as you’ve had some serious success lately. Now is a good time to figure out what you want and how to get there. Things are moving along nicely for you!

## TAURUS

**April 20 - May 20**

You are feeling a bit conservative today — if not politically, than temperamentally. You want to hang on to the status quo as much as you can and see if you can get others to do the same.

## GEMINI

**May 21 - June 21**

Your idealistic nature is at the forefront of today’s activities, and you may find that your great energy helps you set the world back on track. Make sure that you’re pushing for what’s right.

## CANCER

**June 22 - July 22**

You and your partner (romantic or otherwise) are at odds with each other today over something that seems silly at first glance but turns into a big deal the more you look at it. Try to see both sides.

## LEO

**July 23 - August 22**

Sparks fly at work, school or some other public venue when you and a colleague clash over something that starts out small but builds until it seems to consume your world. Live the drama!

## VIRGO

**August 23 - September 22**

You should find that the day seems to work out better for you if you try to make small changes in the way you do things. It’s not that hard, and it shouldn’t shake up your world too much.

## LIBRA

**September 23 - October 22**

Your romantic life is enhanced greatly today — even if you’re single! That could mean you meet the right person or that you are peaking in terms of attractiveness, so make the most of it and have fun!

## SCORPIO

**October 23 - November 21**

You’ve got some serious issues brewing in your home base, but every problem has a solution. You should be able to figure it all out if you just face up to whatever the root of the problem is.

## SAGITTARIUS

**November 22 - December 21**

Now is a good time for you to speak up when strangers come calling. Your energy is good enough to make them feel at ease, and you are much likelier to make new friends or other connections.

## CAPRICORN

**December 22 - January 19**

Now is a really good time for you to focus on savings, investments, retirement accounts and the like. It may not be sexy, but it gives you comfort and your mind is perfectly primed for it today.

## AQUARIUS

**January 20 - February 18**

Your thirst for positive change is making life a lot more interesting today — so make sure you are stirring up interest in progress. It’s a really good time for you to shake things up!

## PISCES

**February 19 - March 20**

A dream bears an important message for you, so make sure that you’re taking your unconscious life as seriously as anything else. Even if you can’t recall every detail, you should still understand.

## Entertainment Corner

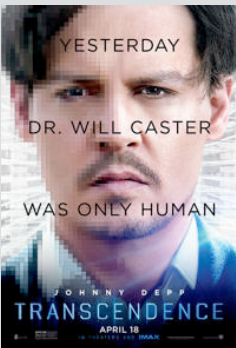
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- 2.) All Of Me - John Legend
- 3.) Dark Horse - Katy Perry
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*Top 5 Movies:*

- 1.) Captin America: The Winter Soldier
- 2.) Heaven Is for Real
- 3.) Rio 2
- 4.) Transcendence
- 5.) A Haunted House 2



## Word of the Week:

scher·zo [skert-soh]

Music. a movement or passage of light or playful character, especially as the second or third movement of a sonata or a symphony.

## Quote of the Week:

“If you are not too long, I will wait here for you all my life.”

-Oscar Wilde

## Fact of the Week:

Sunsets lasts 2 weeks at the South Pole!

# An ode to my time

By DAVID BARR  
*Sports Editor*

For the last time, I am sitting here in the Flashlight office putting together the sports section for your enjoyment.

It's been a pleasure and an honor to bring you the latest weekly updates about our sports teams' latest achievements, accomplishments, and heartbreaking defeats. I have tried my best to give all our teams equal amounts of coverage and space in the paper. When I started this position in the spring of 2011, I had no idea what I was doing as far as editing goes. I had written mostly sports stories, with hard news sprinkled in here and there over the years and had no experience using InDesign or any other editing programs.

Thanks to the helpful editing staff on the Flashlight, I learned the ropes and a few tricks of the trade for InDesign to make editing easier.

While I was familiar with sports, there were some that I had no clue how to cover or write about for the paper. I was most familiar with football followed by baseball/softball. I was familiar with football and baseball due to the fact that I follow those two sports the most along with NASCAR. Field hockey and basketball were the toughest as I don't watch basketball on television and I had never watched a field hockey game in my life. This editing job forced me to learn as much as I could about all sports so I could perform my duties to the best of my ability.

That first semester, much like this one, was a wet/rainy one, with quite a few games being postponed. When that happened, I was forced to adjust and go with the flow and cover what I could. I don't know how I did it, but somehow I managed to complete my section every week. For the past few years, I have rarely had any help covering sporting events. The most reliable person that I have had to help me is my friend Tom Passmore.

If you've read any sports stories in the Flashlight in the past few semesters, you've probably seen one or two written by Tom. Being a big basketball fan, he was able to help me out by covering both men and women's basketball games and helping me understand the jargon used by basketball writers in his stories. Being a sports fan in general along with being in the same major as me attributed to our becoming friends.

Another sports writer that I've had the pleasure of both working with and becoming friends with is Chance Cook. Chance joined the staff as the features editor in the spring of 2012. In the fall, he grudgingly moved to the big desk and took over the editor-in-chief job. Even though it wasn't something he wanted to do, he stepped up to the plate and did a fine job. With Chance and Tom both

being big basketball fans, (Chance being a Celtics diehard and Tom being a Knicks supporter) they often held their own version of ESPN's First Take in the office debating the NBA.

The weird thing about Chance was that while he is a sports fan, he doesn't pick his sports teams by city. He is a Boston Celtics, Washington Redskins, and St. Louis Cardinals fan. He's also a big soccer fanatic, which I found surprising. I didn't know any soccer fans in America, but now I know one!

Chance is now getting the opportunity to travel to Brazil during this summer while the World Cup is occurring down there. Enjoy yourself down there and I hope to read any and all articles by you while in South America.

Bryan Mahosky has been on staff since the fall of 2012, when he was co-news editor. Bryan showed his leadership chops in the spring of 2013 when he and I and other journalism/communication majors were enrolled in Mr. Mason's magazine writing class. He was elected as the editor-in-chief and he led the class in writing, editing, publishing, and delivering the magazine Crossroads. That magazine class helped Bryan develop his skills as an editor-in-chief for the following semester when he took over for the Flashlight.

With Bryan in charge, the paper has managed to get some businesses in town to advertise in the Flashlight, and he also turned the Flashlight into the "watchdog" of campus, keeping an eye on those in power and reporting on their doings for the paper. With Bryan in charge, the amount of mistakes in the Flashlight has gone down and the overall layout on the front page has changed for the better.

Dean Lee has been on staff since last year and there is rarely a dull moment in the office when he's there. An energetic chatterbox that has a bunch of ideas for the future of the paper, Dean has improved the features section of the paper by adding an organization of the week to the Flashlight. He also talked Dr. Bridges into contributing a weekly column this semester. He also got a weekly column called Paging Dr. Mountie from Tracy Somerville, a nursing major working in Sayre.

Katie Crane joined the staff as features editor and later transferred to news editor. She took the expression "raising the bar" to a whole new level. She took the bar, broke it in half, and threw the pieces away with her work ethic and output as features editor. She was cranking out article after article and kicking our butts as far as the number of articles in each issue was concerned.

Last week Katie took over as editor-in-chief for Bryan and her first issue was a success. After seeing what she has done as

## April's Athlete of the Month



### Baseball's Westyn Baylor Outfielder/Right Handed Pitcher

**Baylor earned this nomination with a .274 batting average for the month with four homeruns and 18 RBIs.**

the features and news editor, I know she will do well as editor-in-chief. By the way Katie, I can almost guarantee you there will be at least one time you will find yourself crashed out on the couch in the office after a late night of editing. If you don't experience that at least once while editor-in-chief, you aren't doing the job right.

The Flashlight will be getting a new advisor starting next fall in Jimmy Guignard. I have never met him, but I wish him well. The previous advisor Mr. Mason has taught us so much about the world of journalism and writing. I wish him the best of luck in his new position in the English department.

And what of me, the author of this column that you've probably stopped reading by this point. I have enjoyed my time on staff here and learned so much about the world of newspapers and journalism. If you've read the last two editorials from Bryan and Katie, you've learned that I have a passion for NASCAR, country music and *The Big Bang Theory*. But that's only part of who I am. I enjoy NFL football, MLB baseball and I'm an archery buff, participating in 3D competi-

tions when I'm home during the summer. Most days of the week, I can be found wearing a Hoyt Archery t-shirt and or hat around campus. I took up the sport three years ago and now my dad and I are in charge of our gun club's monthly 3D archery shoots.

This is not out of arrogance, but recently, I learned that I won a Keystone Award from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association in the Sports/Outdoor Column category for the weekly NASCAR column I write for my hometown paper. Not only did I win, but the two writers who finished second and in the honorable mention category were the writers who took first and second place last year in the same category. The three columns that I submitted dealt with a recap of the 2013 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series season, how the number 3 was returning to the series after a 13-year absence, and the effects a driver's body endures during a three-hour race in the summer.

Overall, I have enjoyed every moment of being on staff and I wouldn't trade it for the world. Again, it's been an honor to give you readers the sporting coverage you deserve.



# Baseball splits with Lock Haven and Millersville

By DAVID BARR  
Sports Editor

Mansfield's baseball team split their last two double headers, sweeping Lock Haven and losing to Millersville.

Both wins over Lock Haven were shut-outs, 4-0 and 10-0. As strong as the Mountaineers' offense was against Lock Haven, it disappeared against Millersville.

In the first game against Lock Haven, an error by Lock Haven's shortstop allowed Seth Tressler to score from third for an early 1-0 Mansfield lead. That was all Mansfield got for the inning as the next three batters were all retired, leaving Mansfield with the 1-0 lead and two runners on base. Wes Custer made it 2-0 when he was singled home by Tressler in the fourth inning. In the fifth inning, Mansfield increased its lead to 3-0 after Westyn Baylor's sacrifice fly scored Brandon Miller from third.

Mansfield's final run came in the sixth inning. Taylor Hillson walked, moved to second on a groundout, stole third, and for good measure, scored on a throwing error by the Lock Haven catcher for the fourth and final run of the game.

Chas Parsons earned the win, going the full seven innings, allowing three hits and only one run to improve to 3-0 on the season.

In game two, Mansfield held a 2-0 lead before exploding for eight runs in the third inning. The fireworks began after Mansfield loaded the bases. Anthony Renz's single brought home Eric Schanzenbach for a 3-0 lead. Hilson walked, bringing home Baylor. Owen Lukens was the next batter and he reached on a fielder's choice, plating Johnny LeClair for a 5-0 Mansfield lead. Hits by Miller, Schanzenbach, and Baylor increased the Mounties' lead to 10-0.

That was all the scoring for the day for Mansfield, and it was too much for Lock Haven to overcome as Mansfield completed the sweep of the Bald Eagles.

Mansfield traveled to Millersville to take on the Marauders, but forgot to bring their bats with them as they scored two runs total in the two games.

In the first game, Millersville opened the game by holding a 3-0 lead after the first inning. Mansfield's lone run came in the top of

the second inning when Stanton Tentnowski reached on a fielder's choice, scoring Johnny LeClair. Millersville added runs in the second, third, and sixth innings to increase their total to six runs and Mansfield never seriously threatened again in the 6-1 loss.

Game two was closer for Mansfield. The Mounties took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the third when Miller doubled home Hillson. Millersville was held hitless from the second through the fifth inning. In the sixth, the Marauders tied the game 1-1.

With the score still tied 1-1 after seven innings, the game went into extras. Mansfield had a chance to take the lead in the eighth after loading the bases with just one out, but they couldn't bring one of the runners home. Millersville took advantage of the missed opportunity to end the game when the leadoff batter singled and stole second. One batter later, the game was over as a single brought the Marauder runner at second home to win the game 2-1 for Millersville.

Mansfield returned home to face Millersville again. The two teams were supposed to play each other on Saturday, but the game was moved to Monday afternoon. Even with an extra two days rest, Mansfield couldn't solve the Millersville pitching, as the Mounties scored three runs apiece in both games.

Game one saw Millersville score nine runs in a three inning stretch to take a commanding 9-1 lead going into the sixth inning. They would later add four more in the top of the seventh for a 13-3 win.

Game two found Millersville up 3-0 in the fourth inning. Mansfield tied the game on a three-run blast by Westyn Baylor in the bottom of the fourth. Millersville took the lead for good in the seventh inning on two doubles for a 5-3 advantage.

Mansfield threatened by getting a runner into scoring position on a single and then loaded the bases on a walk with two outs, but a popup ended the threat and the game.

Mansfield was scheduled to play Clarion University on Tuesday, but inclement weather forced the game to be postponed to April 27.

With that, Mansfield is scheduled to take on Lock Haven again on Wednesday April 23. Due to deadlines, we will be unable to report on the results of that doubleheader.



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Westyn Baylor has a team-high 40 RBIs for the Mounties.

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Kutztown held a slim 1-0 after the top of the second inning, but Mansfield responded with five runs of its own in the bottom half of the inning.

Emily Crandell worked a walk with the bases loaded to tie the game at one apiece. Mansfield's second run came on a sacrifice fly by Lawson, which scored Inman for a 2-1 Mansfield lead. Bauder singled to bring home Secord and a 3-1 lead. Goodwin's single brought home Bauder and Crandell and gave Mansfield a 5-1 lead.

Kutztown tied the game after their next two times at the plate. The Lady Golden Bears scored one run in the third and plated three more runs to tie the game 5-5 after the top of the fourth. That was as close as Kutztown got because Mansfield scored a run in the fifth and sixth innings to increase its lead to a final score of 7-5. With the win, Mansfield took the seasonal series against Kutztown for the

first time in the program's history.

Mansfield didn't have much go right against the Lady Huskies of Bloomsburg University as they dropped both games 13-2 and 6-2.

Mansfield's two runs in the first game came via a leadoff homerun by Bauder and an RBI single by Inman. Bloomsburg jumped all over Pratt in the fifth as Bloomsburg got a two-run homerun to tie the game and then proceeded to score five more runs on just two hits for a 7-2 lead. They added six more runs before the end of the game for a final score of 13-2.

Bloomsburg started the game with a 4-0 lead after three innings. Inman got Mansfield on the board after an error allowed her to score to cut the deficit to 4-1. Pratt gave Mansfield another run in the sixth to make it 4-2 before Bloomsburg tacked on two more insurance runs in the seventh inning to ice the game for a 6-2 win.

## Track and Field teams impress at Princeton and East Stroudsburg over the weekend

Freshman Michaela Lambert continued to rewrite the Mansfield records books, this time inking her name on the women's outdoor 800m record at Princeton's Larry Ellis Invitational on Friday.

Lambert's time of 2:14.68 bettered Nicole Dann's 800m record of 2:17.4 set during the 2006 season. The freshman finished 38th overall in a field of mostly Division I competition.

Mike Robinson hit an NCAA provi-

sional time in the 1,500m run with his time of 3:51.6.

Kelsey Carlsen hit an NCAA Provisional mark in the javelin and Mike Robinson and Joelsen Resimo each won their events to lead Mansfield track & field at East Stroudsburg's All-American Invitational on Saturday.

Jenna Hoefer's throw of 143-00 in the hammer set a new school record, besting the previous record of 136-05 set back in 2012. Hoefer's mark hit a PSAC mark and was

good for a sixth place finish.

Carlsen turned in a top throw of 134-05 to finish second overall in the women's javelin competition.

Robinson won the 800m run with a PSAC mark of 1:54.37.

Resimo took first in the 3,000m run with his finish of 9:06.83. Resimo won the event by over three seconds.

Ben Drexler took third in the 3,000m with a time of 9:12.09.

Alexa Tsiknas hit a PSAC qualifying mark in the pole vault with a final height of 10-11.75. Tsiknas tied for third overall in the competition.

The men's 4x400m team of Bob McCoy, Max Lalwani, Dillon Griffith and Jordan Boothe finished third overall with a time of 3:28.88.

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## Softball still in hunt for final playoff berth

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The Lady Mountaineers split with East Stroudsburg and Kutztown before getting swept by Bloomsburg.

In the first matchup with East Stroudsburg University (ESU), Mansfield jumped out to a four run lead in third and fourth innings. The Mounties' first three runs came on a bases-clearing double by Kaitlyn Harris. The next run for Mansfield came in the fourth thanks to Courtney Bauder. Bauder singled and advanced to second, scoring Hannah Secord for a 4-0 lead.

ESU cut their deficit in half in the bottom of the fifth inning, but Mansfield scored three more runs over the next two innings to win by a final score of 7-2. Kate Pratt grounded out to third, and Bauder moved to third and scored on a throwing error by the first baseman. The last two Mansfield runs came via Laura Lawson and Amanda Goodwin. Lawson doubled to centerfield to score Kayla Hahn and Lawson scored on a single to third by Goodwin.

The second game saw East Stroudsburg score all four runs in the first inning, then shut

down Mansfield for the majority of the game. Mansfield got one run back in the top of the second inning courtesy of Ashley Inman. Inman grounded into a double play to shortstop while Megan Miller scored. Mansfield was held scoreless for the next four innings until they were down to their last chance in the top of the seventh.

Lawson's single moved Inman to second and Harris to third before a fielding error by the center fielder allowed Harris to score and cut Mansfield's deficit to two runs. Goodwin singled to load the bases and brought home Inman to make it 4-3 in favor of East Stroudsburg. That's where the rally ended as Mansfield couldn't get the tying run across the plate and fell 4-3.

Against the Lady Golden Bears of Kutztown, Mansfield dropped the opener 1-0 before winning the nightcap 7-5. The first game saw Kate Pratt toss a one-hitter, however, that lone hit was a solo homerun that wound up being the difference in the game.

The second game began with a scoreless first inning for both teams.

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Hannah Secord has a .250 batting average on the season.

## Coming up in Mountaineer Sports

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
25 -Baseball vs. Bloomsburg University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball @ Lock Haven (DH) 2:30 p.m.	26 -Baseball @ Bloomsburg University (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Softball vs. Millersville (DH) 1:00 p.m. -Track and Field @ Maroon and Gold Invitational	27	28	29	30 -Baseball vs. PSAC Championships TBA -Softball vs. PSAC Championships TBA	1 -Track and Field vs. PSAC Outdoor Championships -Baseball vs. PSAC Championships -Softball vs. PSAC Championships
2 -Track and Field vs PSAC Outdoor Championships -Baseball vs PSAC Championships TBA -Softball vs PSAC Championships TBA	3 -Track and Field vs PSAC Outdoor Championships -Baseball vs PSAC Championships TBA -Softball vs PSAC Championships TBA	4	5	6	7	8